



## 11 HINTS FOR TEACHING YOUR CHILD TO READ

*Learning to read should be easy and fun. Here are Master Teacher Bobby Maslen's suggestions for teaching children to read:*

1. **Read to your child.** Choose books that you both enjoy. Instill a love of books!
2. **Play word games.** Nursery rhymes, games, and songs will attune the child's ear.
3. **Play sound games.** Think of a word that begins with *M*. Mmmmmmm. Mop, map, man, mog. Nonsense words add to the fun!
4. **Pick a symbol** such as *moon*. Say, "What do you hear first when I say *moon*?" The beginning sound is *mmm*. Practice other words.
5. **Write words or stories** dictated by the child. Make pictures to go along with them. Read the stories back to the child.
6. **Sing alphabet songs**, real or made up.
7. **Encourage the child to scribble**, write letters, and draw pictures.
8. **Avoid criticism.** There is no wrong way to be creative.
9. **Play games** with blocks, memory cards, and easy jigsaw puzzles.
10. **Point out short words** when you read. Ask the child to repeat them.
11. **Be sensitive** to the child's attention span. Expect short practice times.

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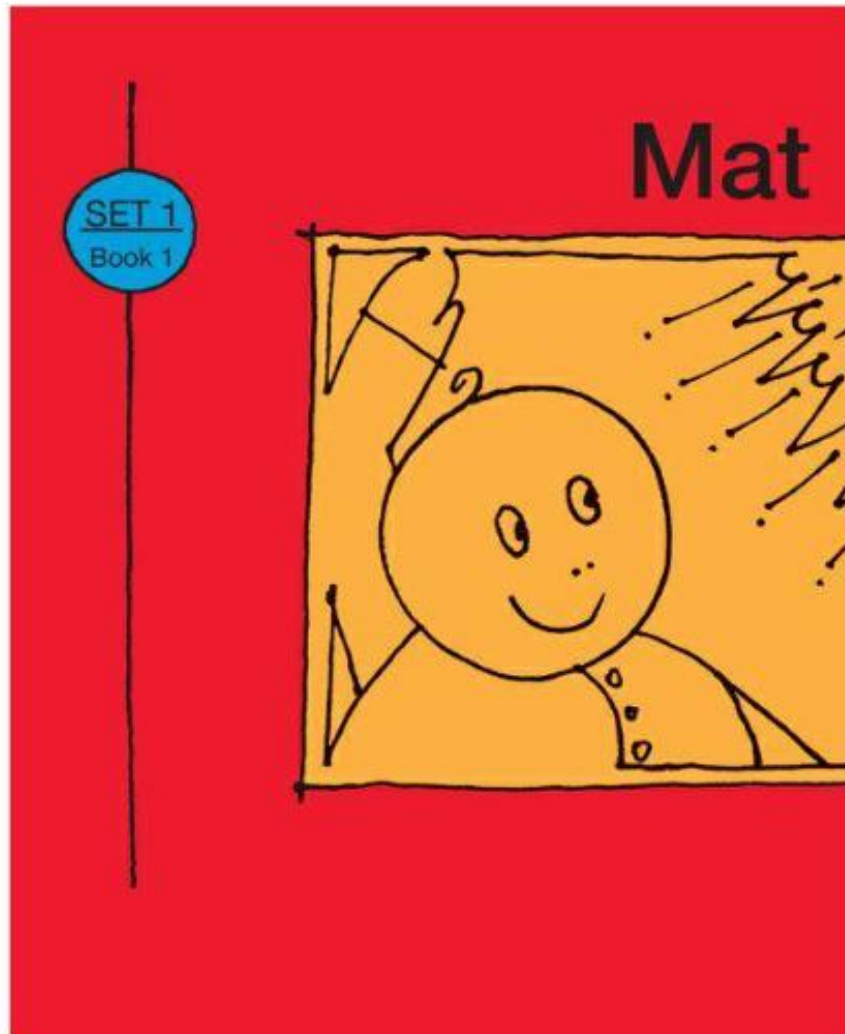
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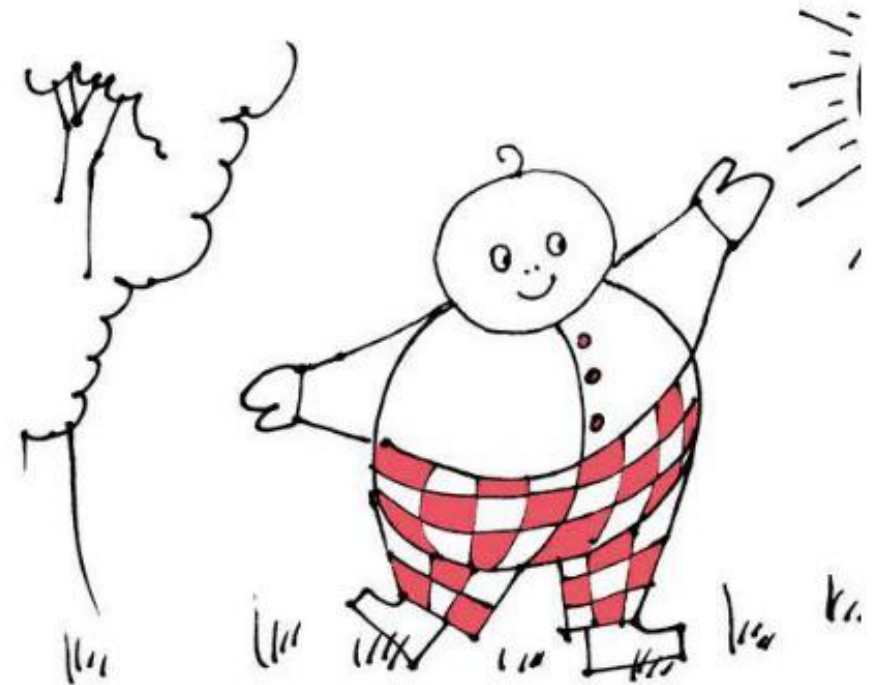
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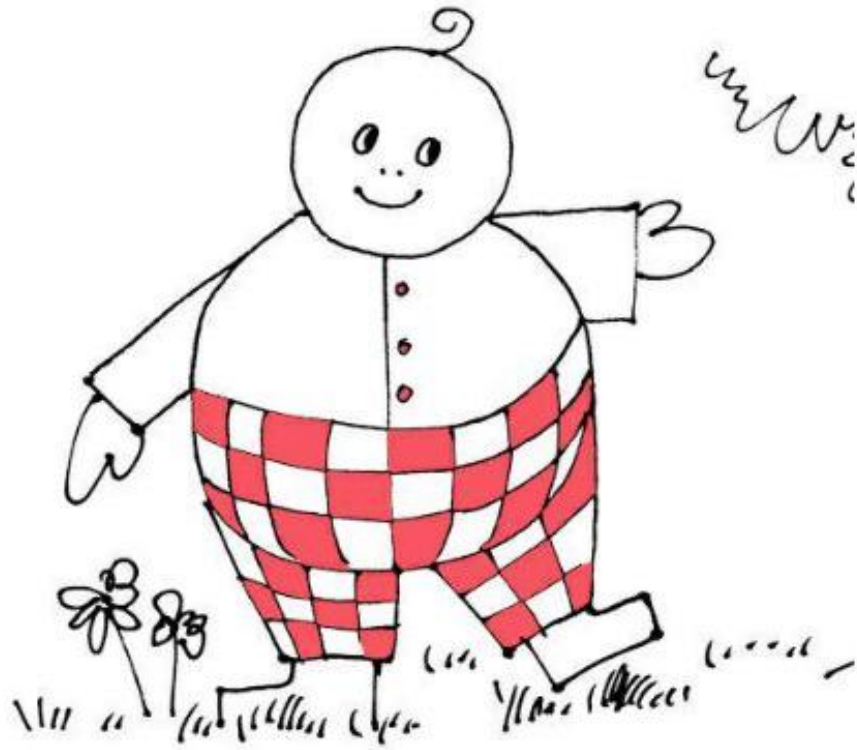


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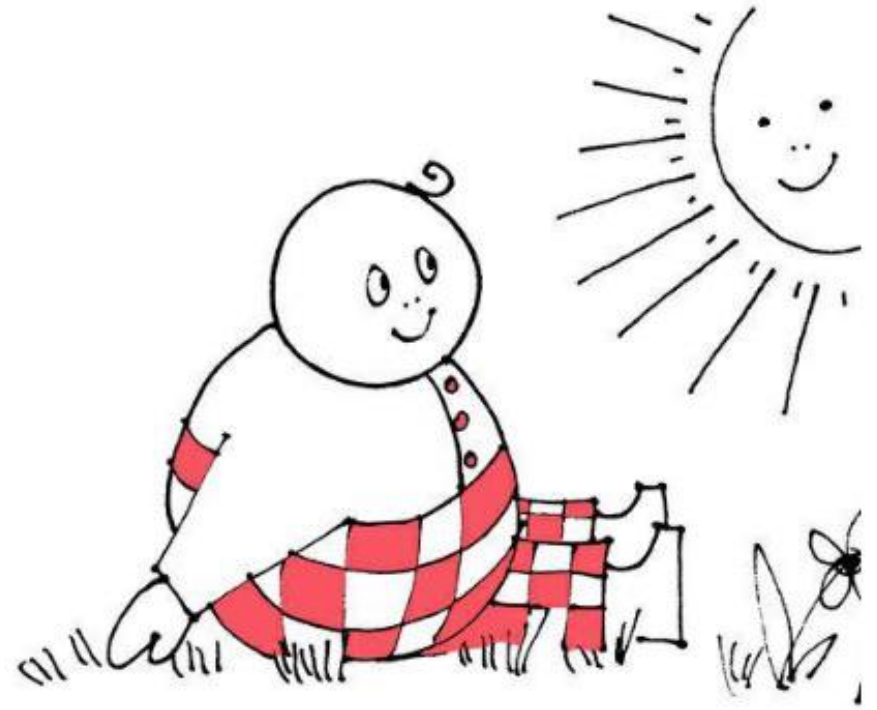


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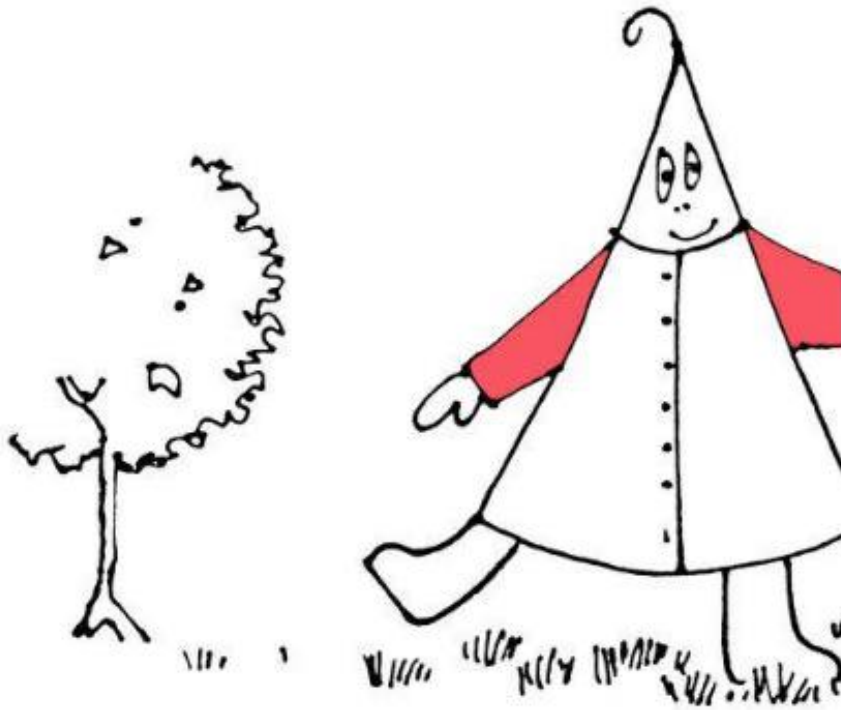




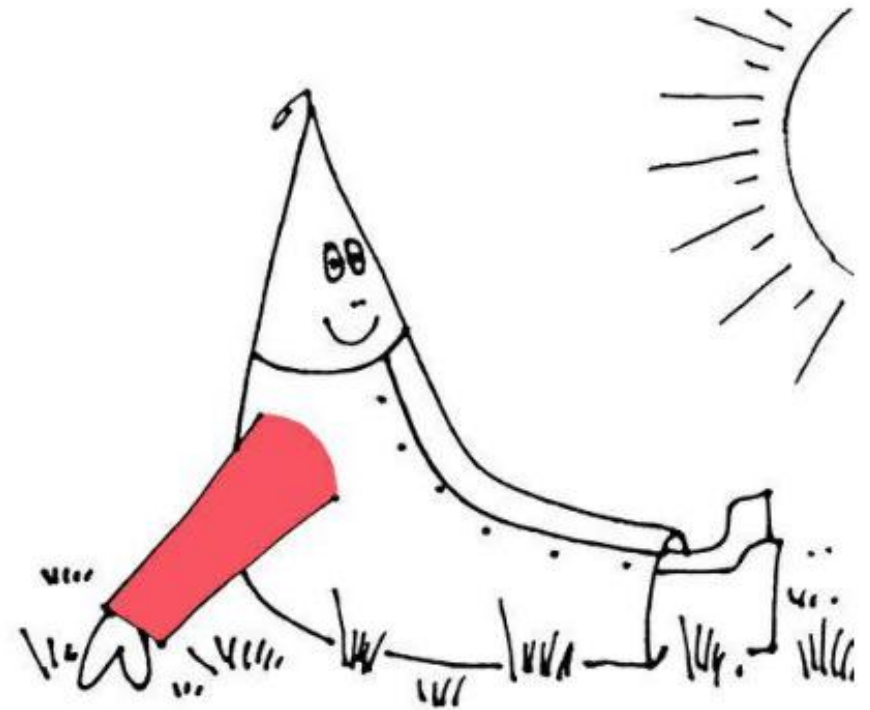
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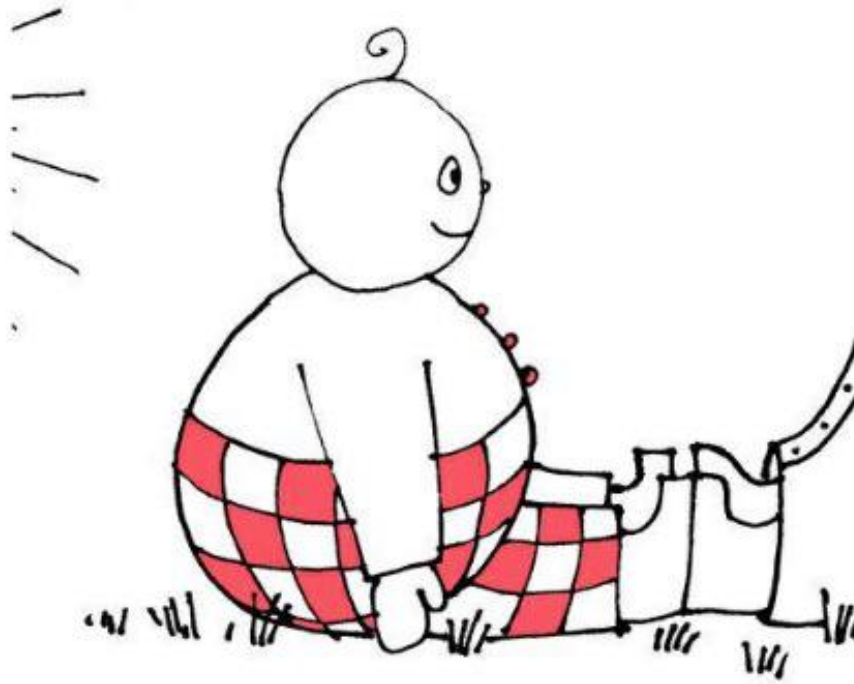
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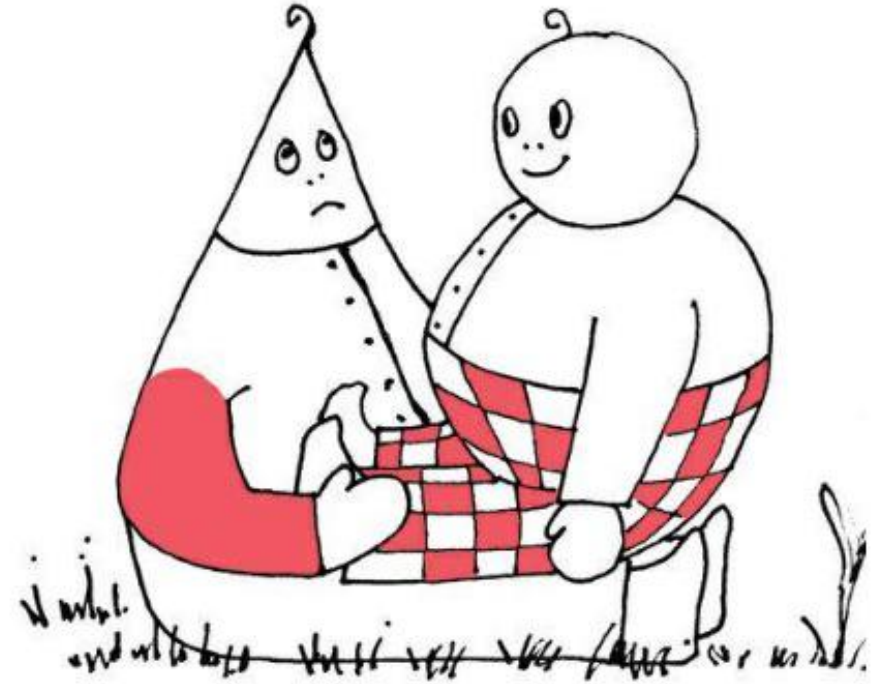
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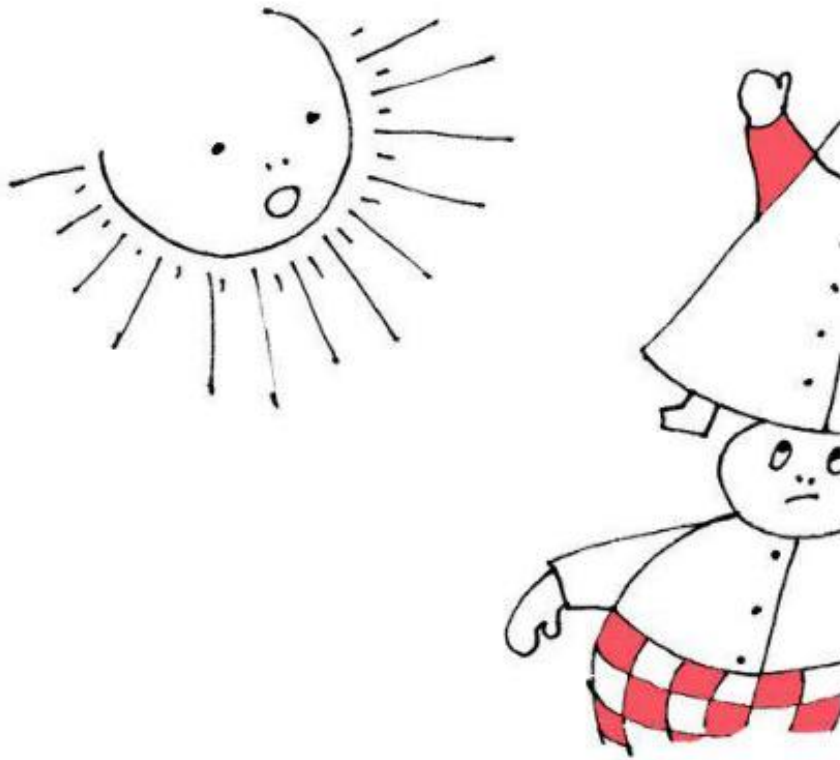
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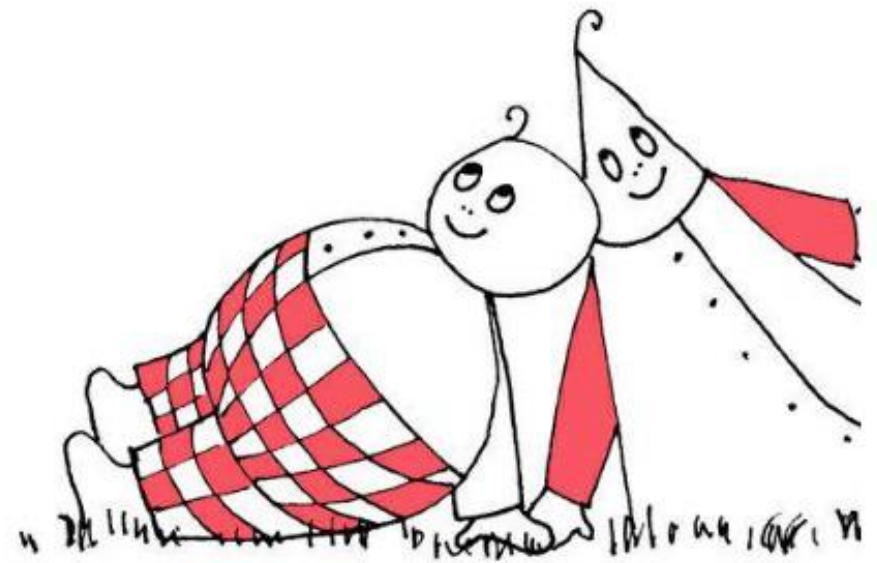
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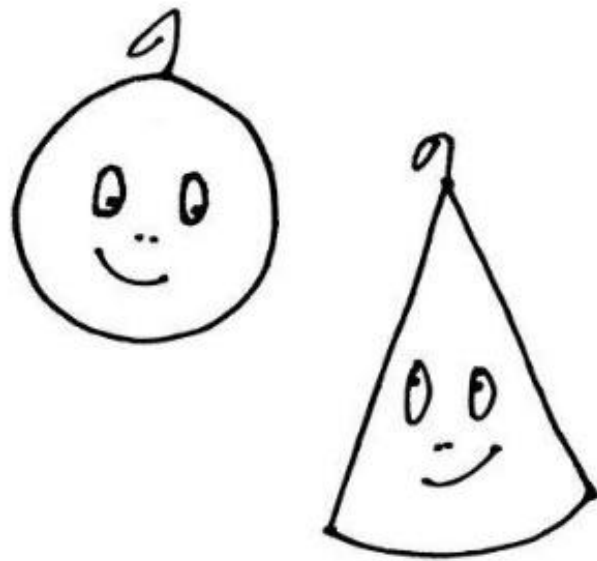
Mat sat on Sam.



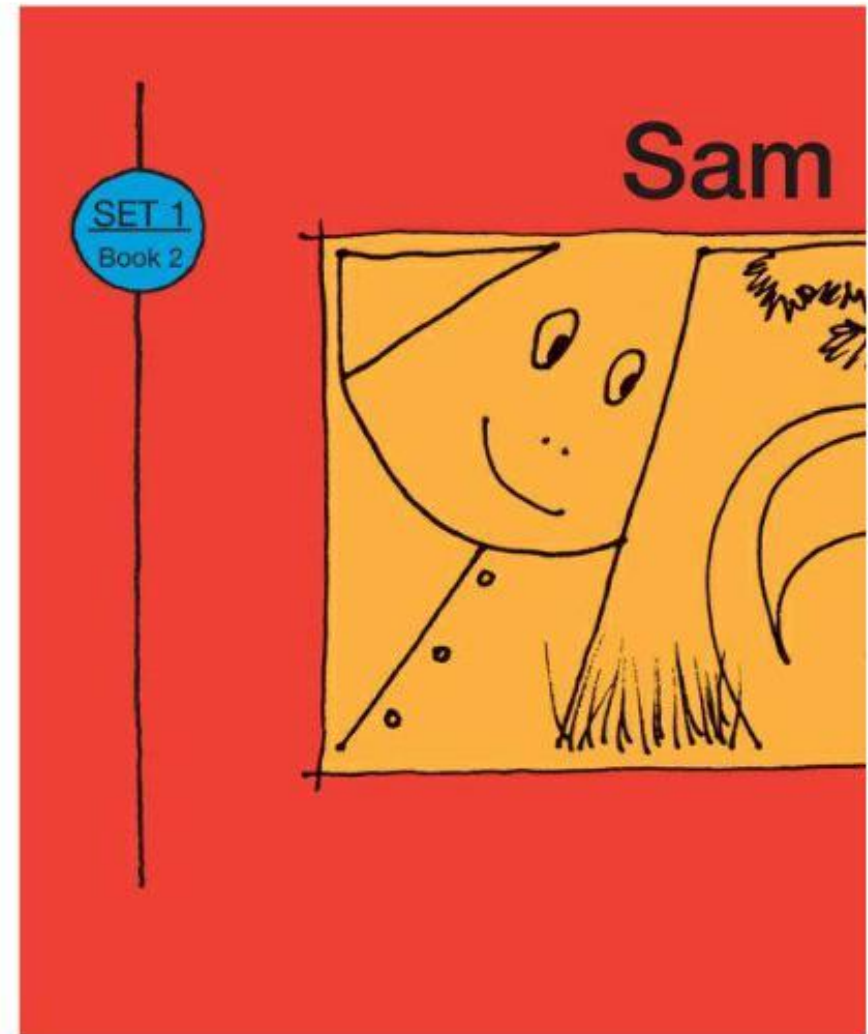
Sam sat on Mat.



Mat sat. Sam sat.



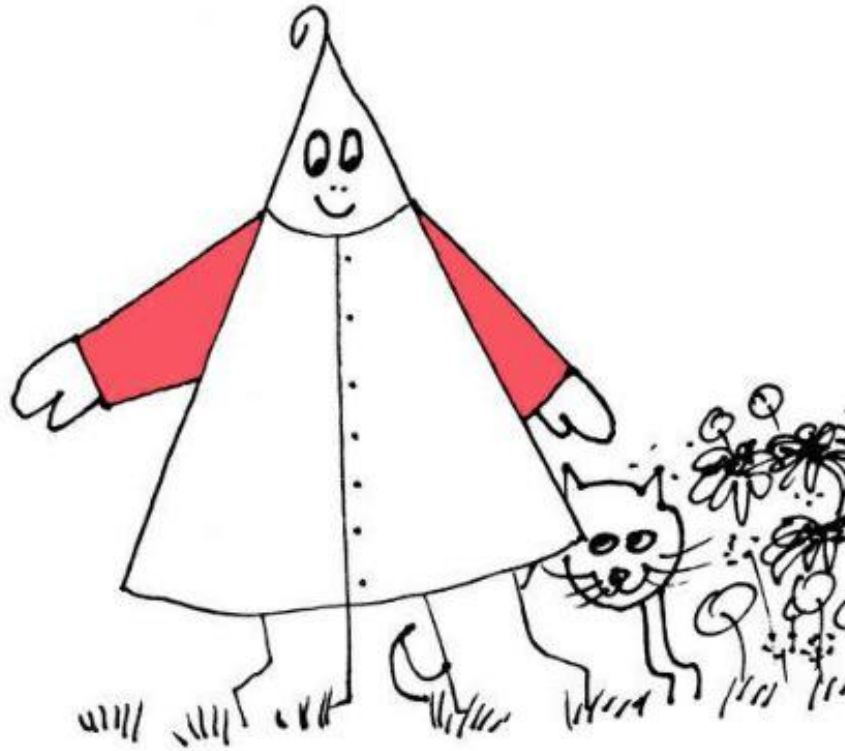
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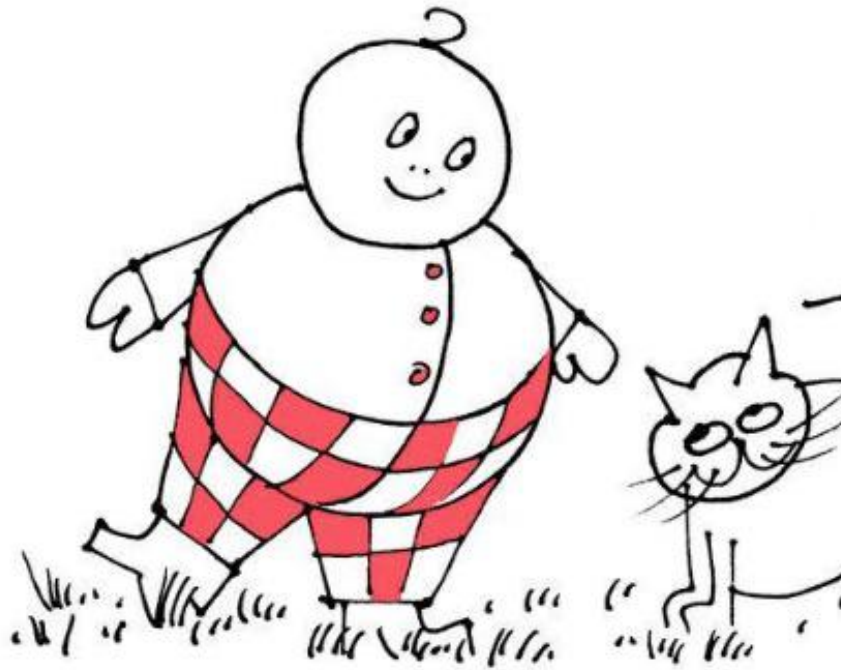
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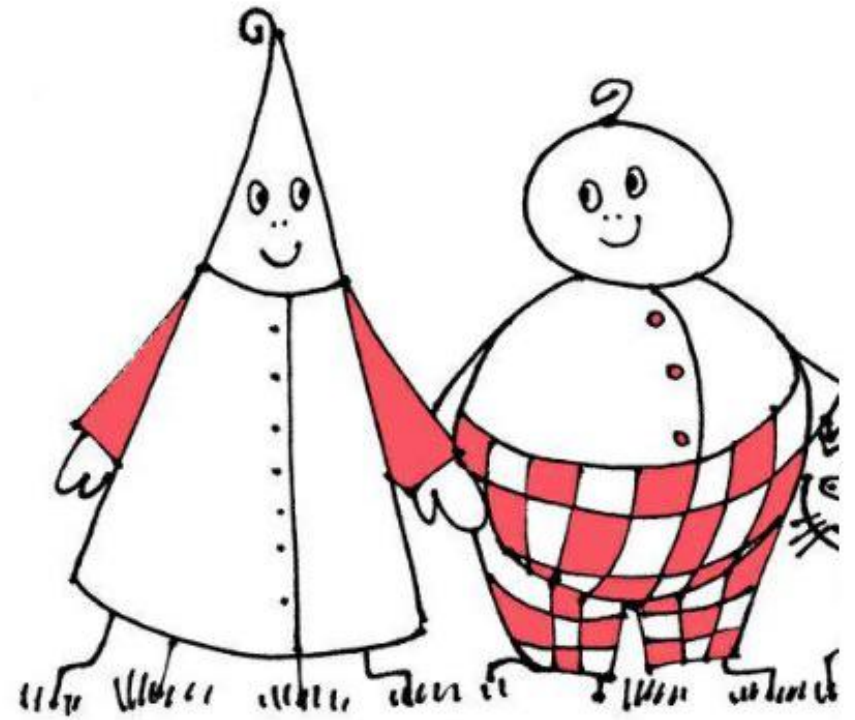
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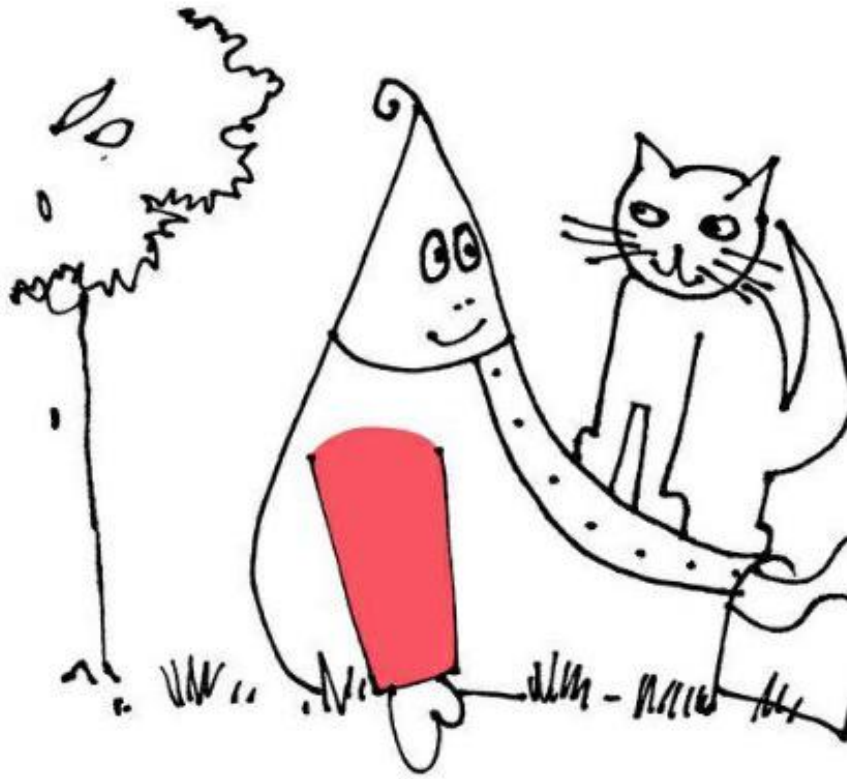
Sam and Cat.



Mat and Cat.



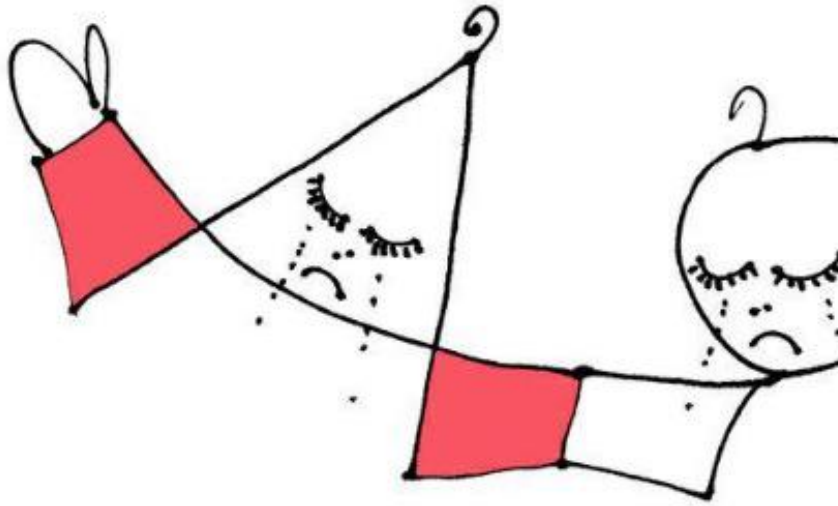
Sam, Mat, and Cat.



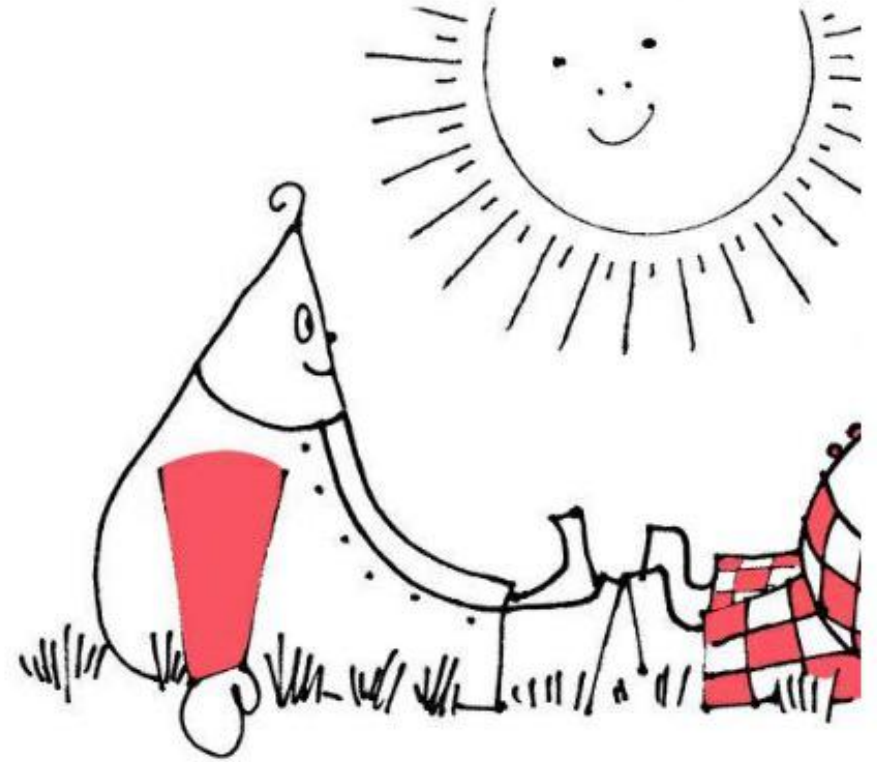
Cat sat on Sam.



Mat sat on Sam.

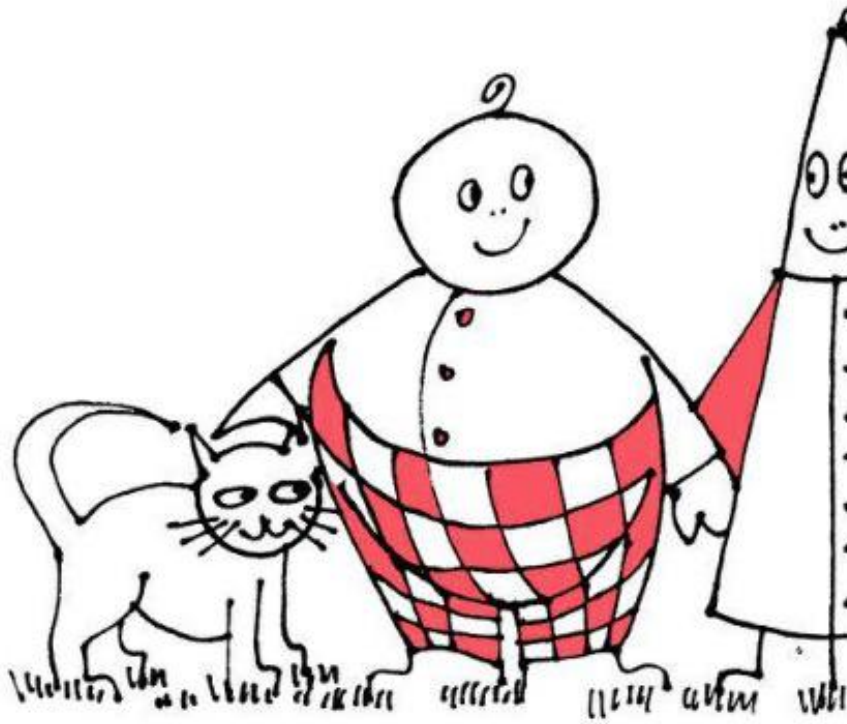


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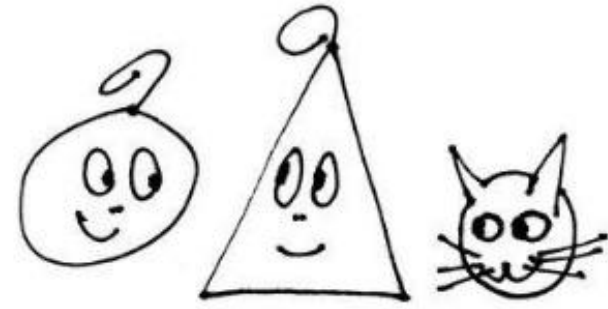


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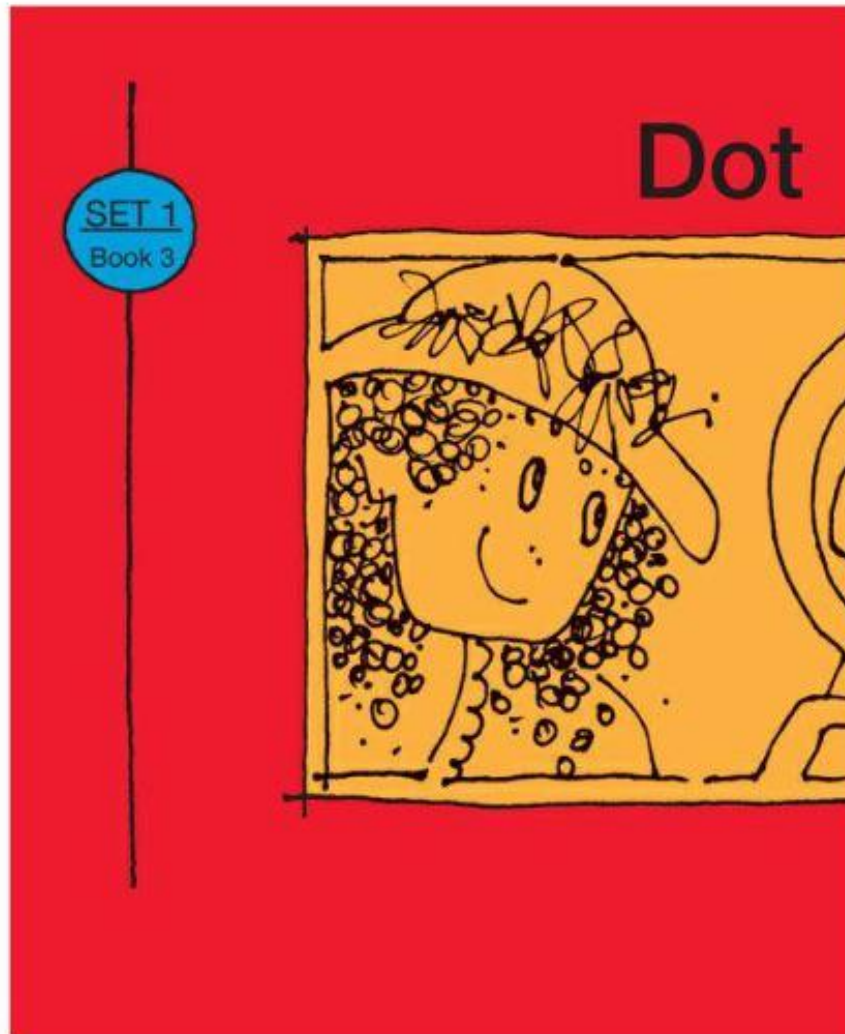




O.K., Sam. O.K., Mat. O.K., Cat.



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## Dot



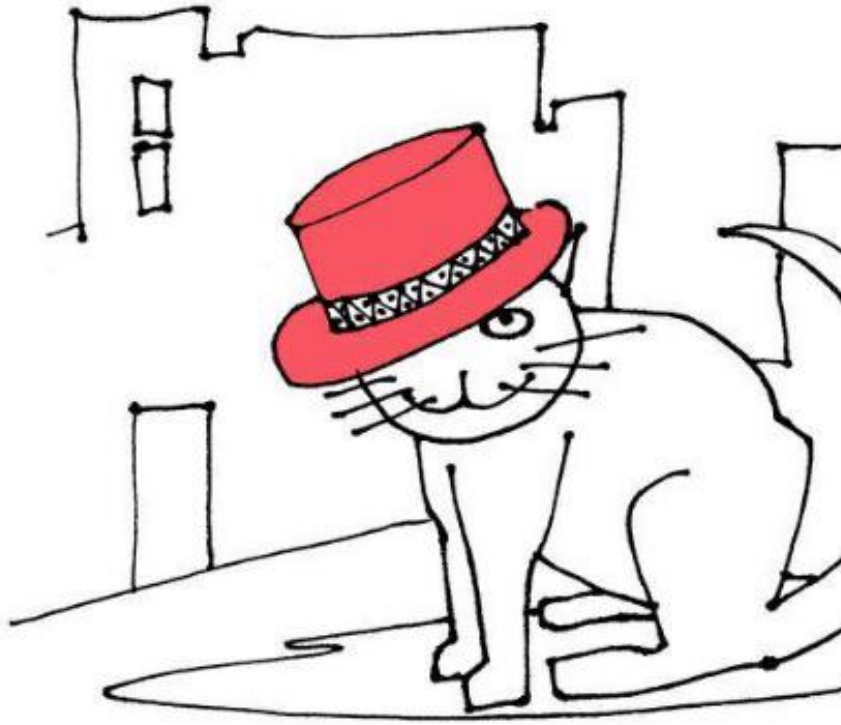
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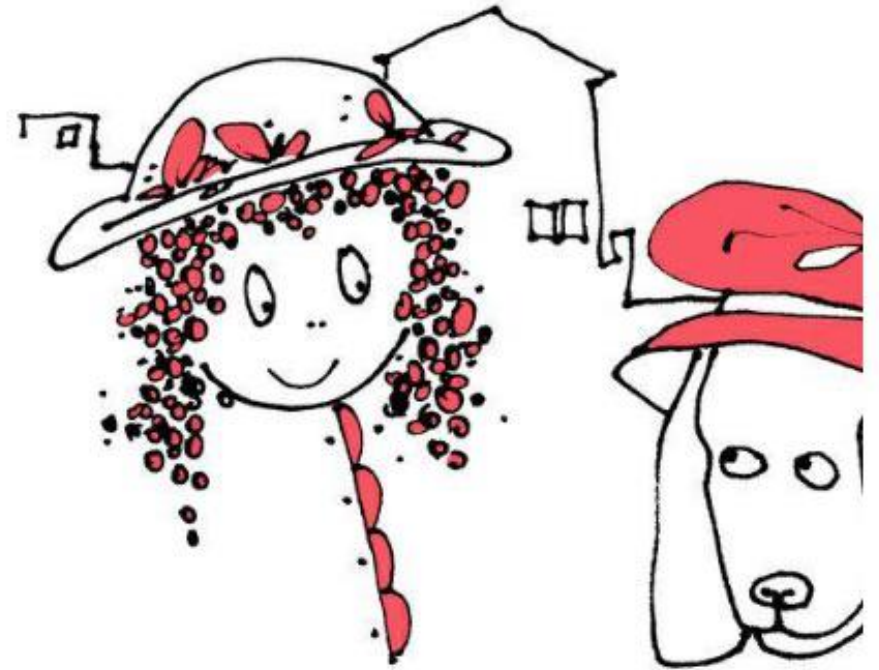
Dot has a hat.



Dot has a cat.



The cat has a hat.

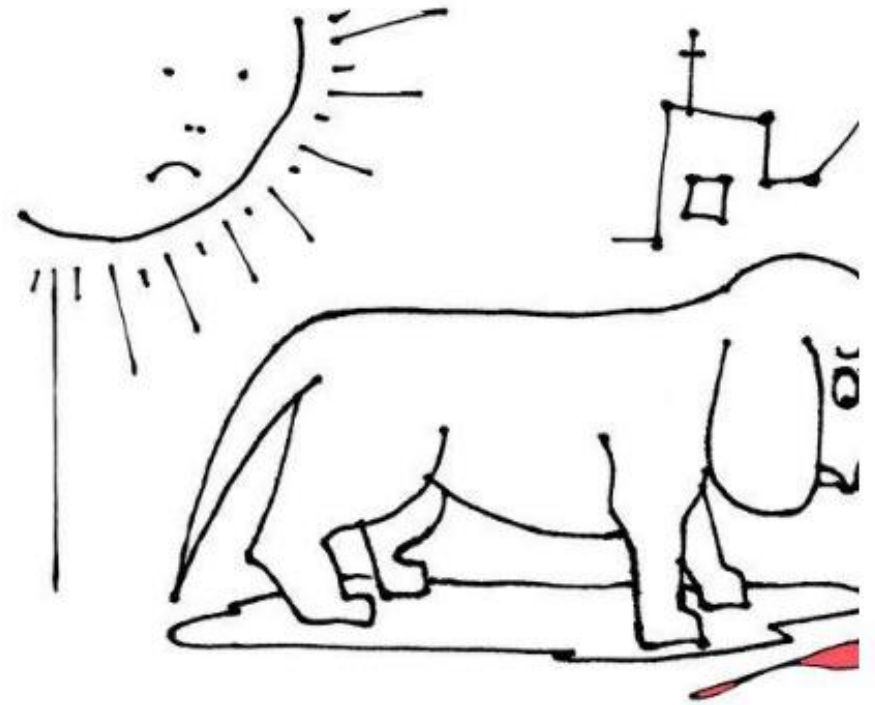


Dot has a dog. Dog has a hat.

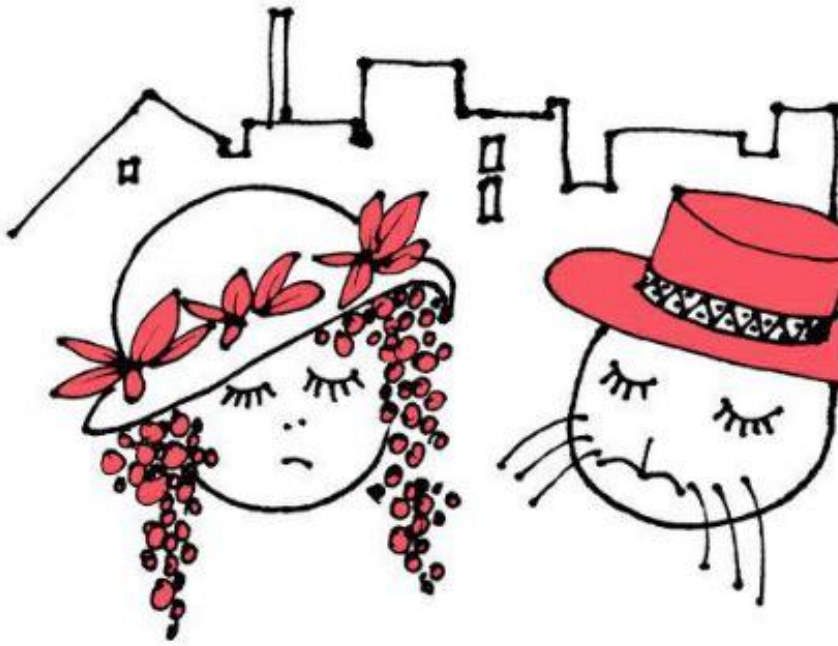




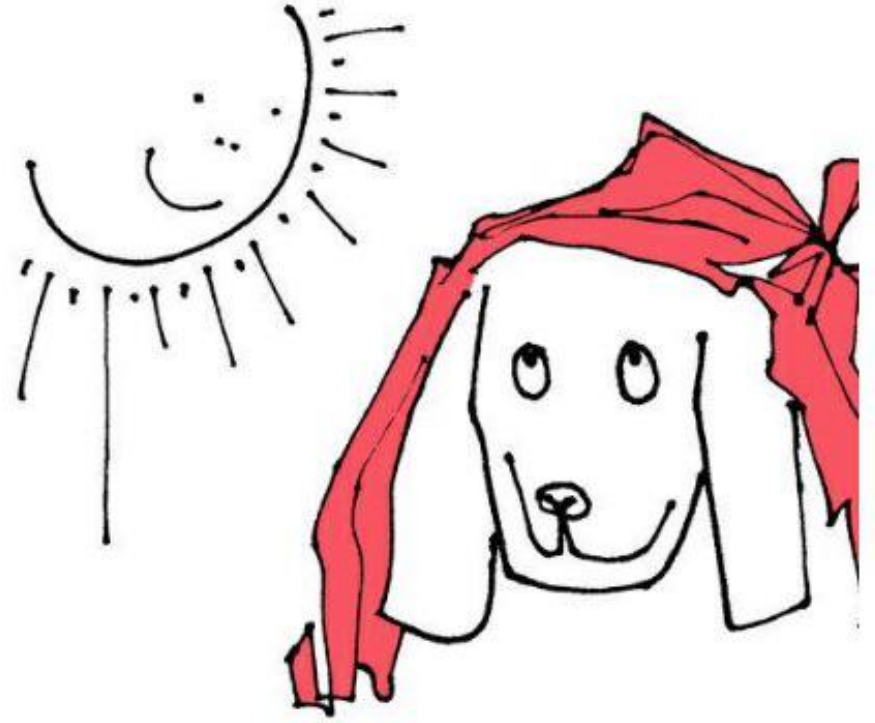
Dog has a rag hat.



Sad dog.



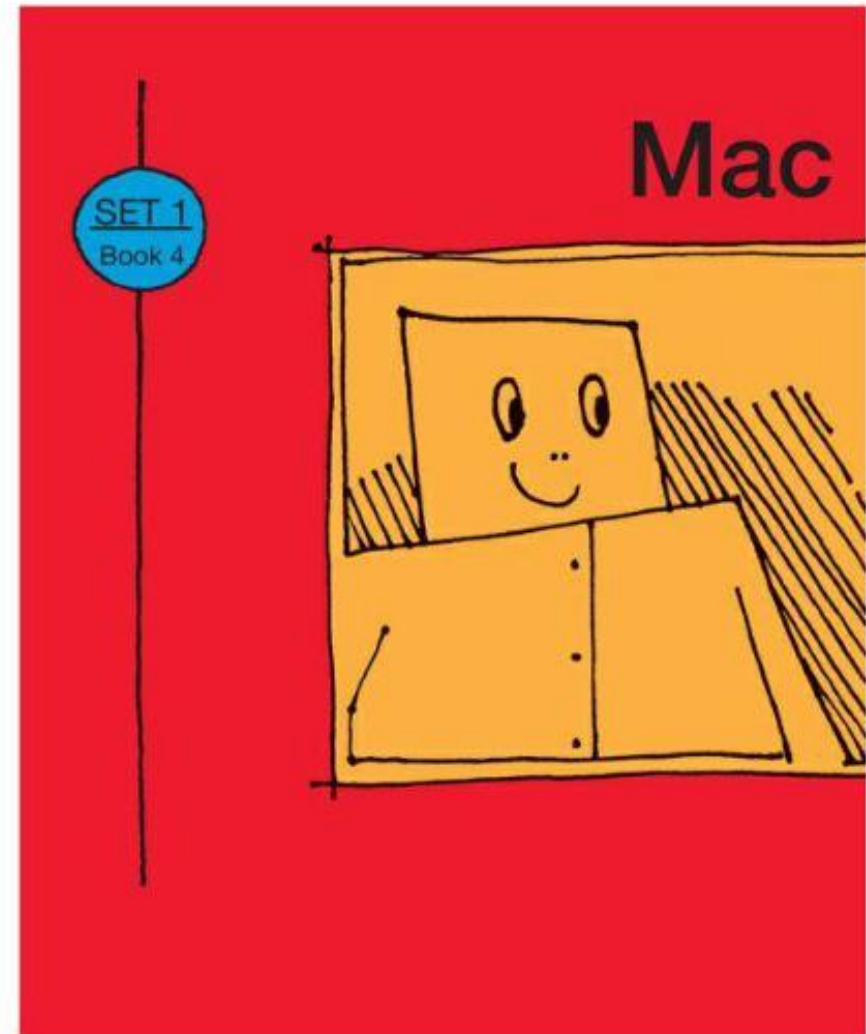
Sad Dot. Sad cat.



Dog has on a rag hat.

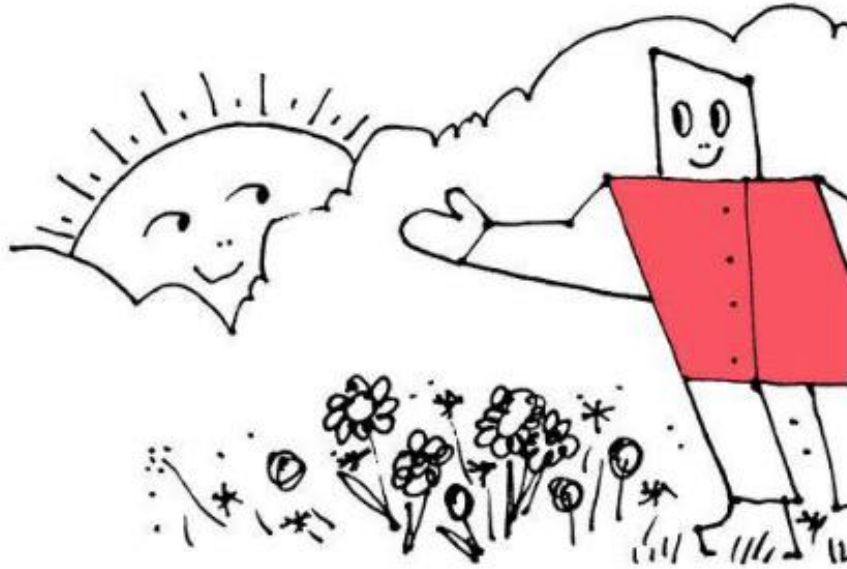


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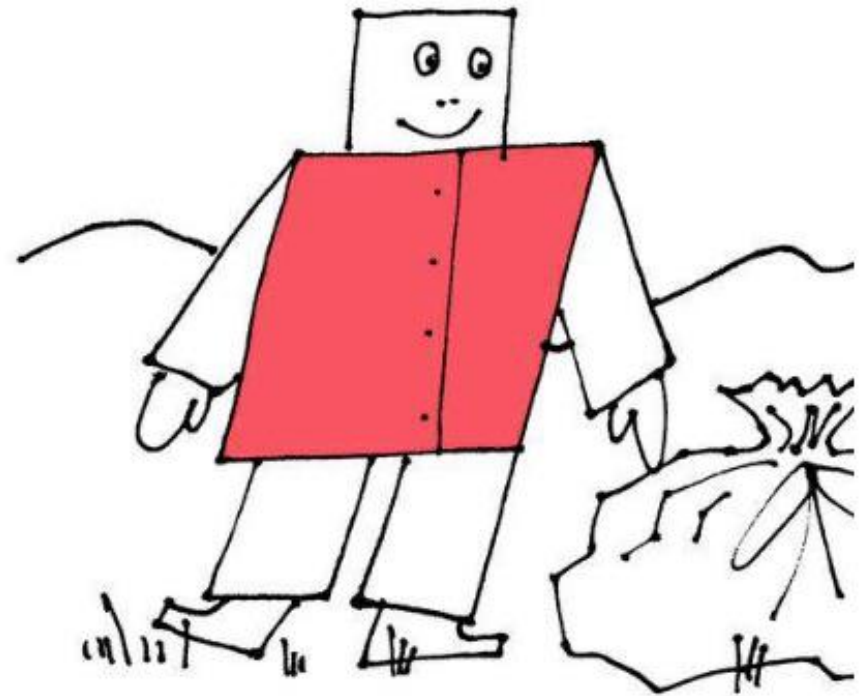




Mac



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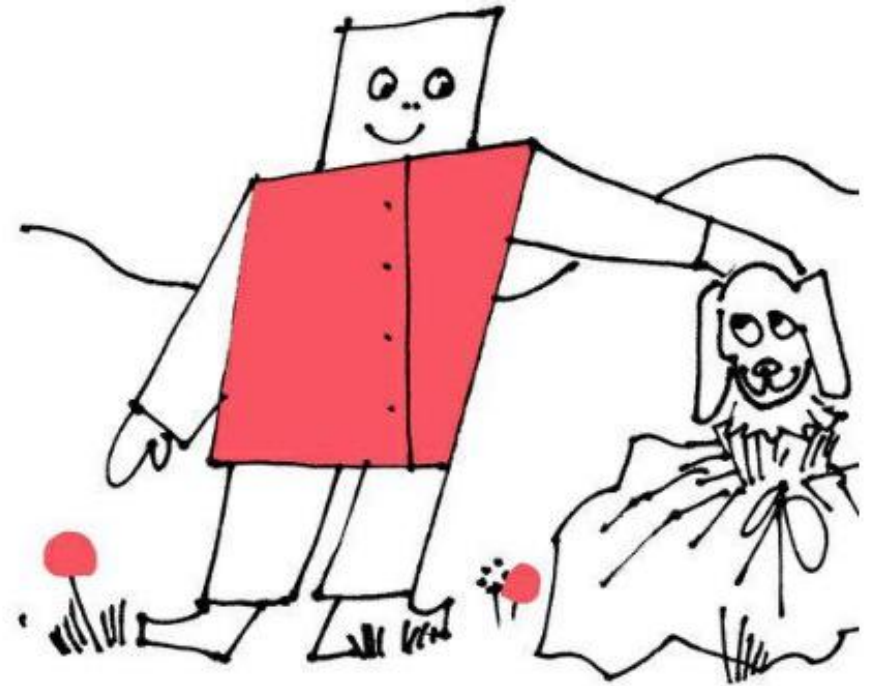


Mac had a bag.

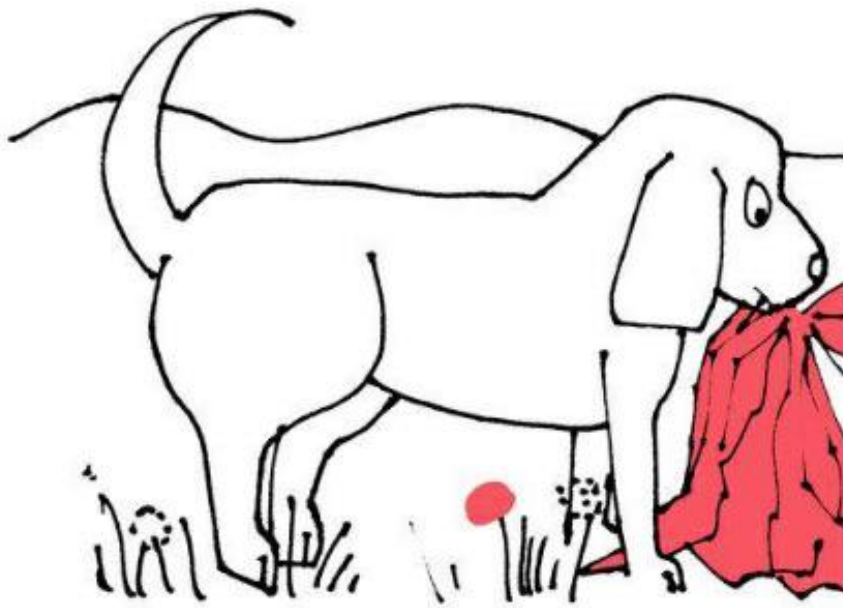




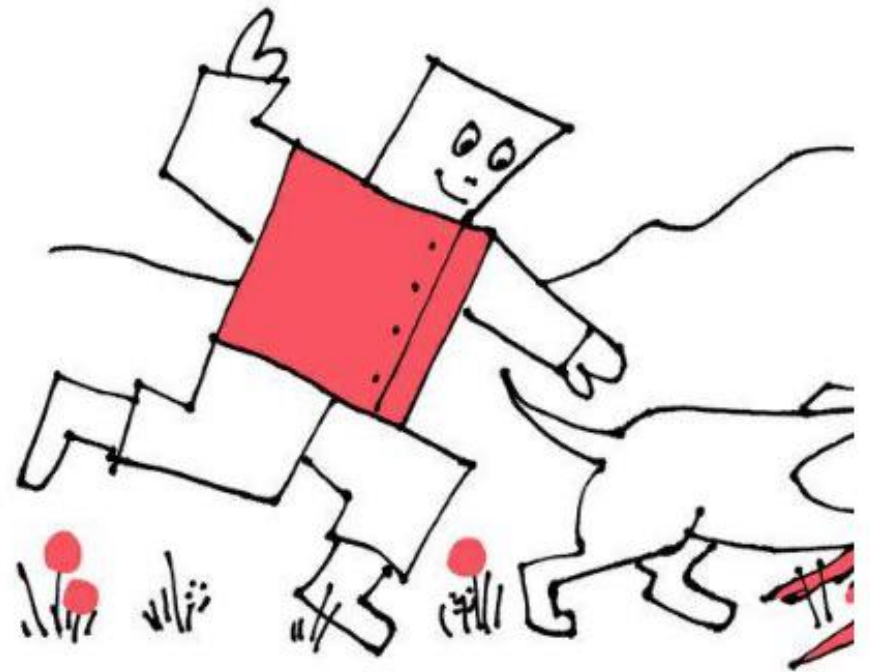
The bag had a dog.



Mac had a bag and a dog.



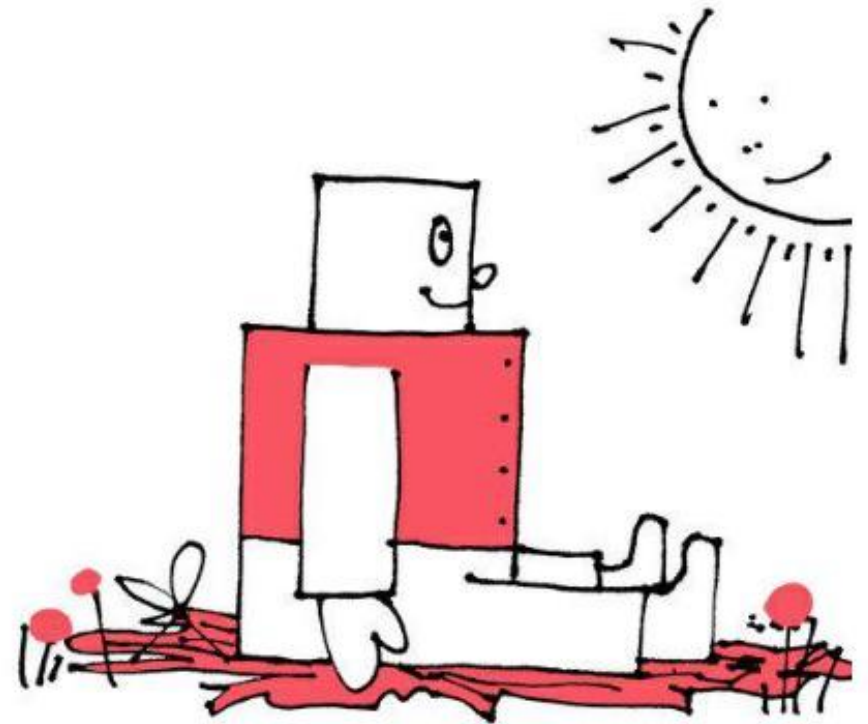
Mag had a rag.



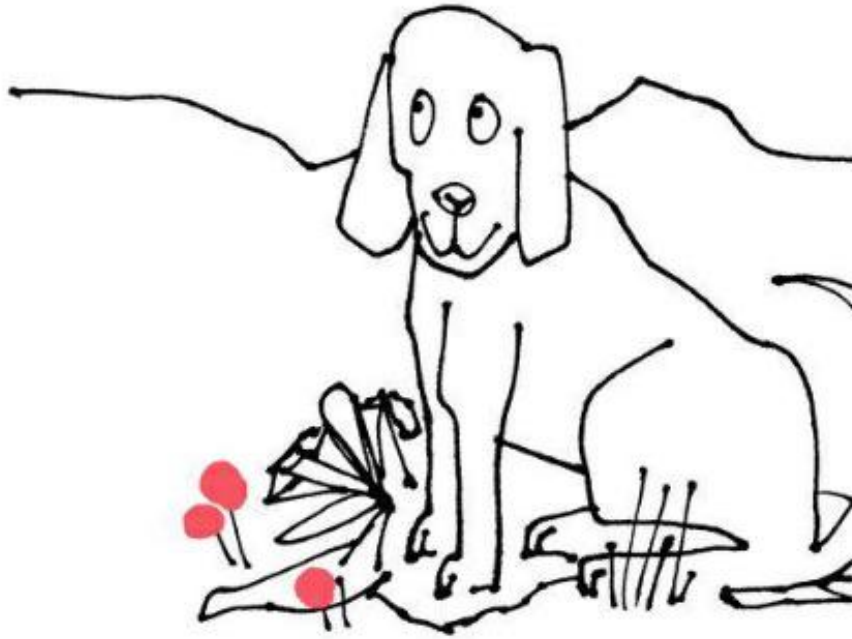
Mac can tag Mag.



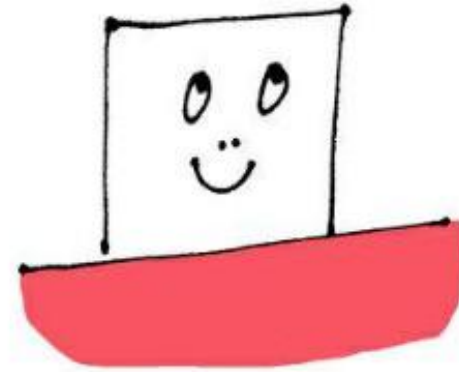
Mac got the rag.



Mac sat on the rag.

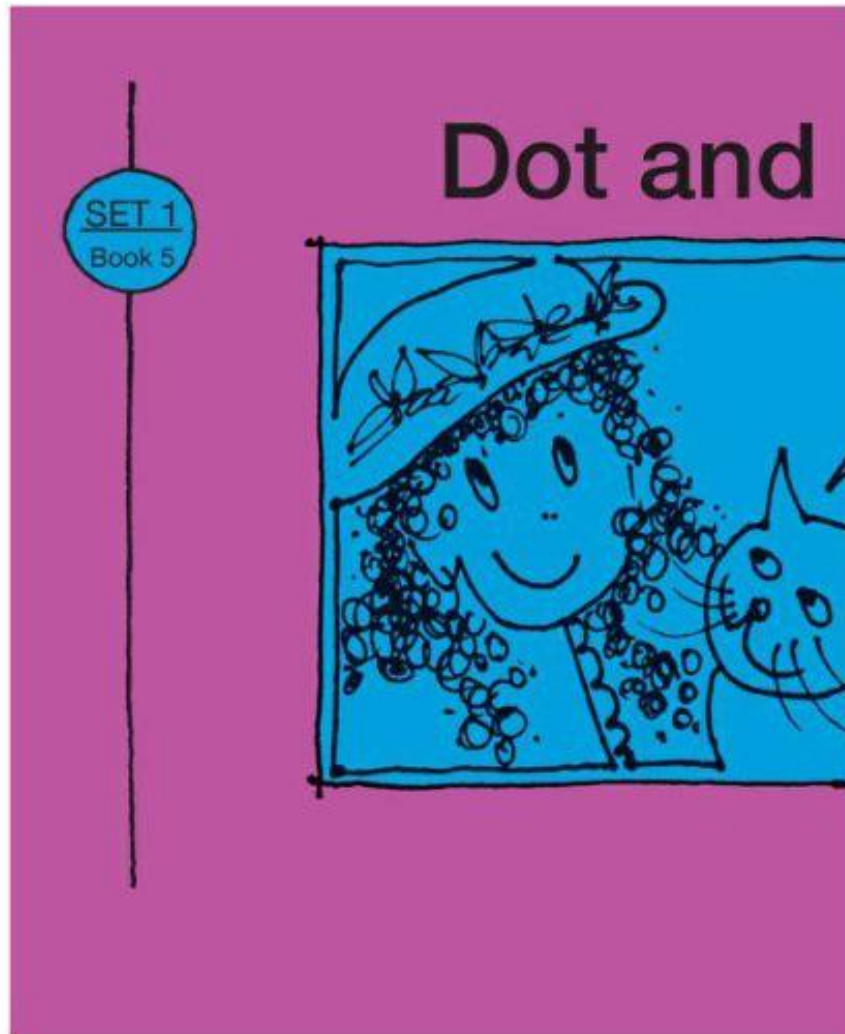


Mag sat on the bag.



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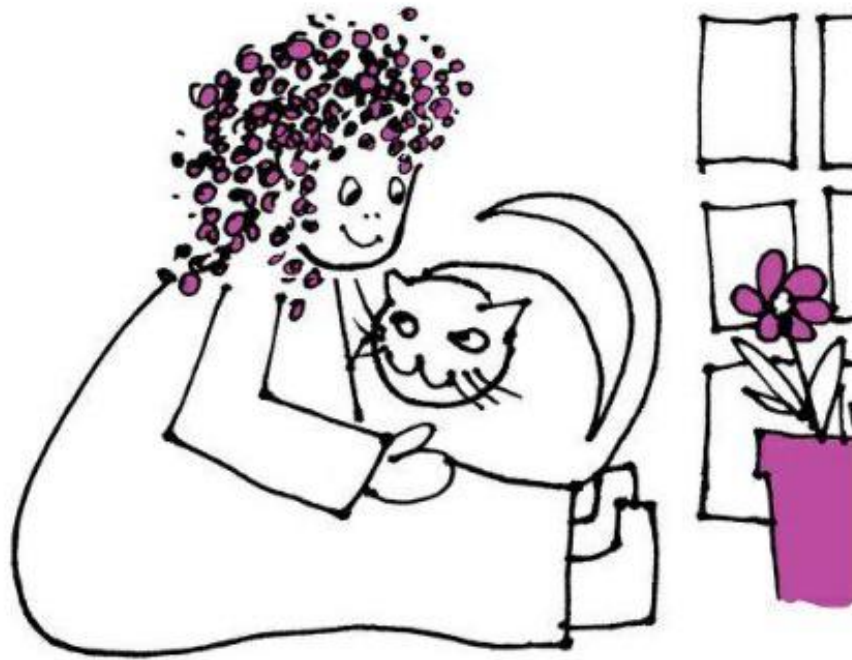




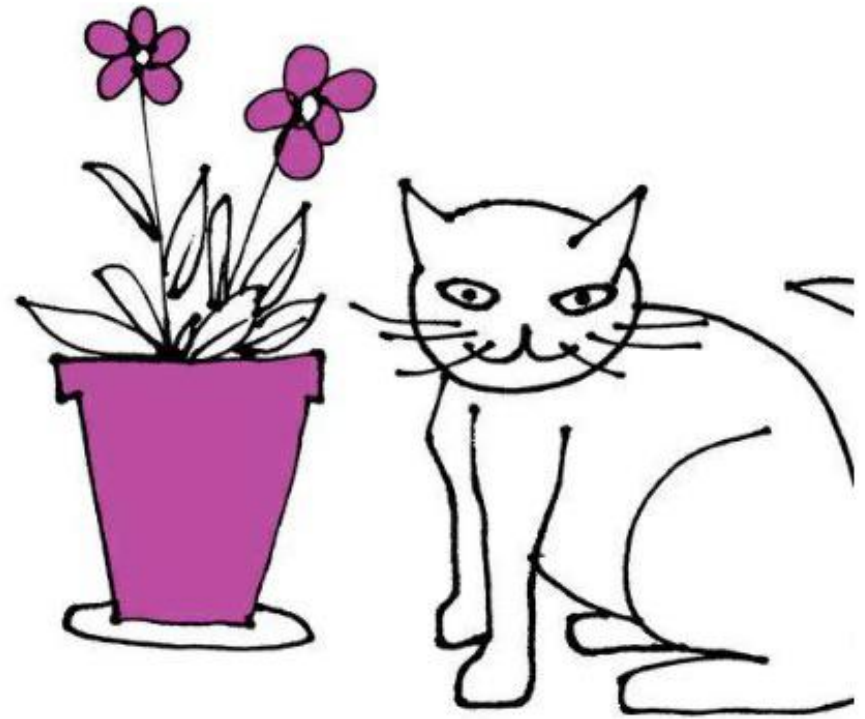
## Dot and Mit



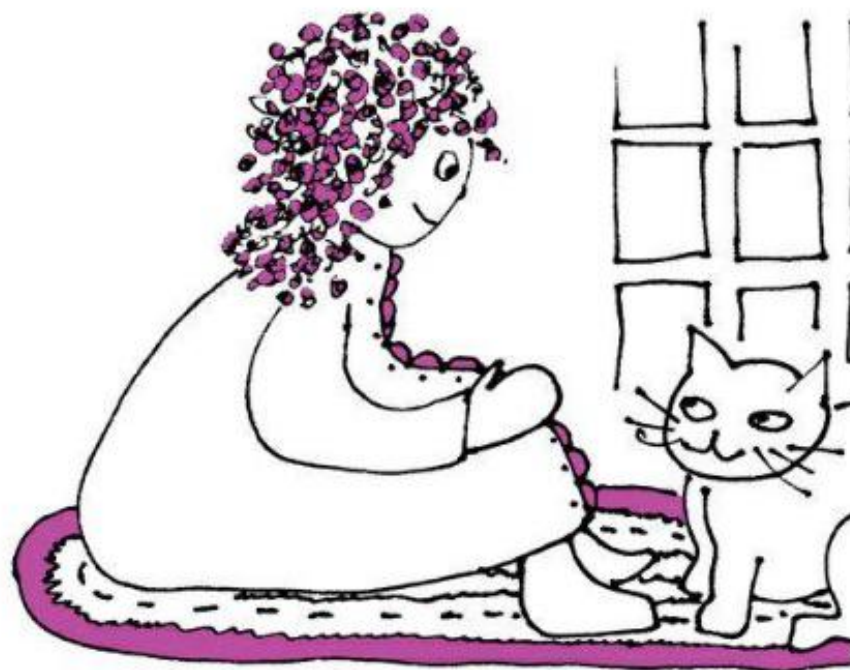
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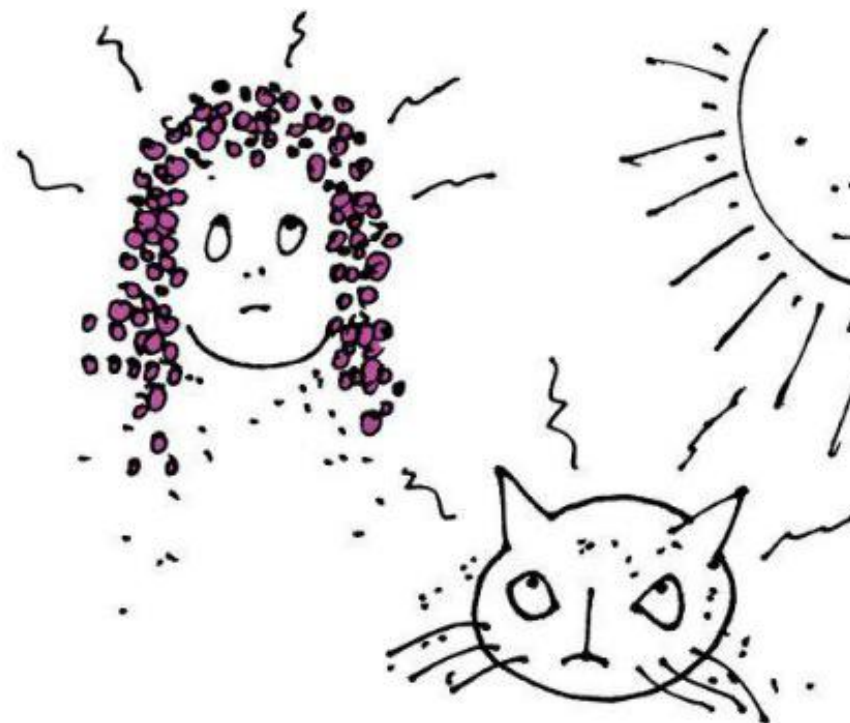
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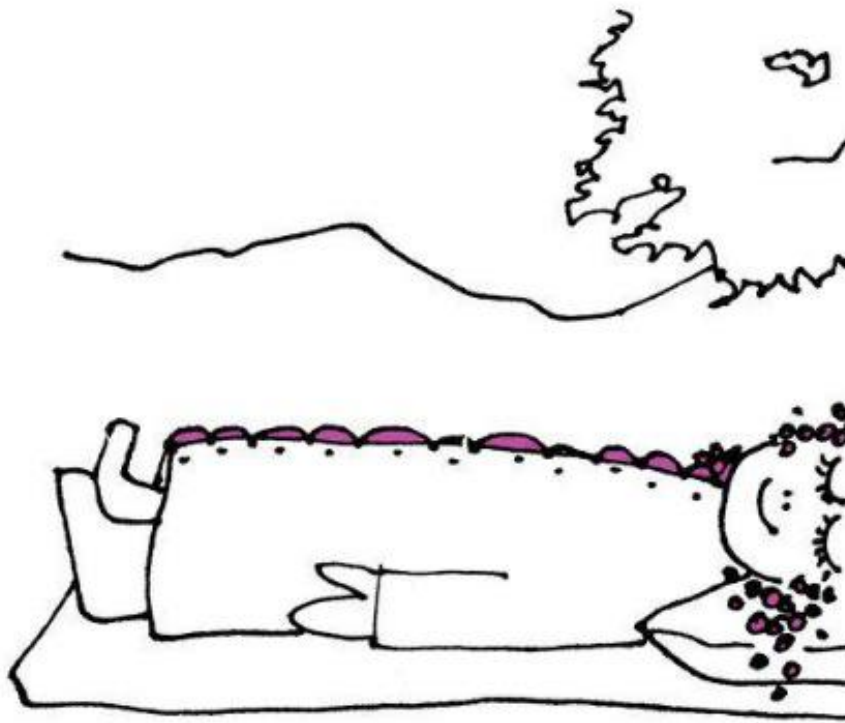
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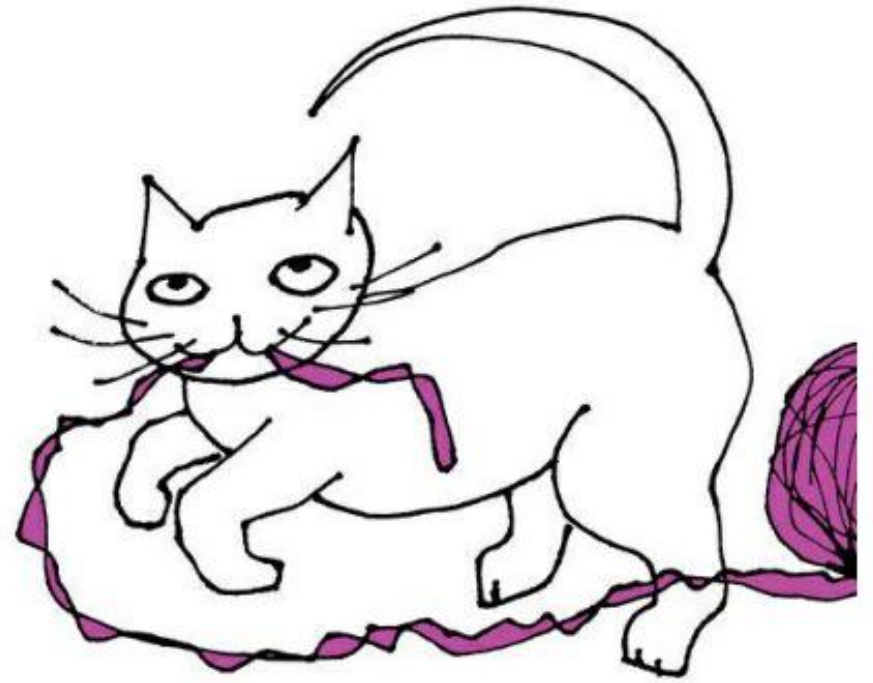
Dot and Mit sit on a mat.



Dot is hot. Mit is hot.

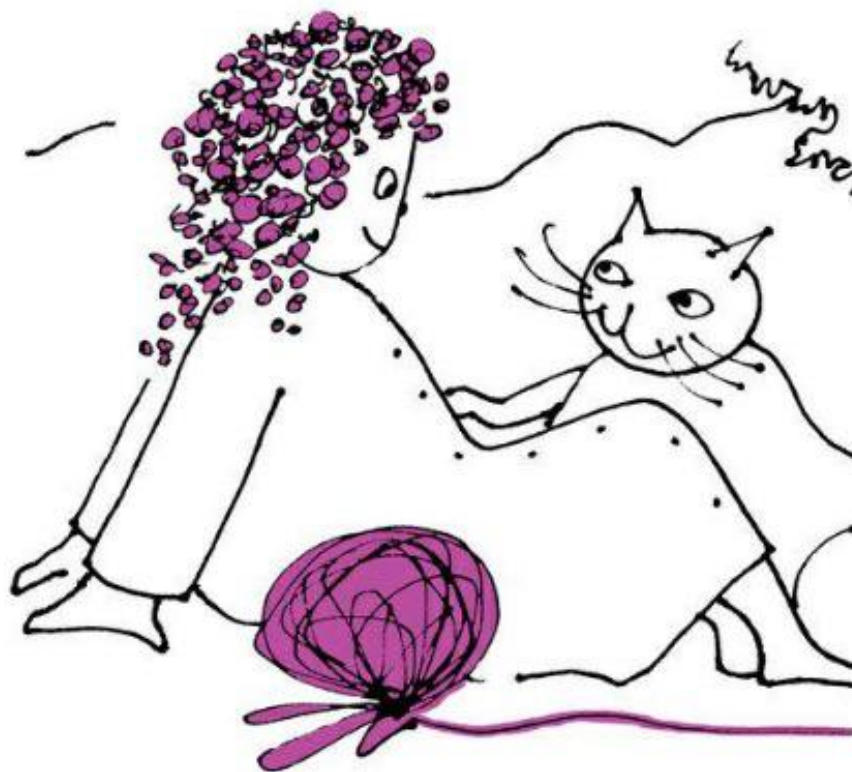


Dot did nap.



Mit did not nap.

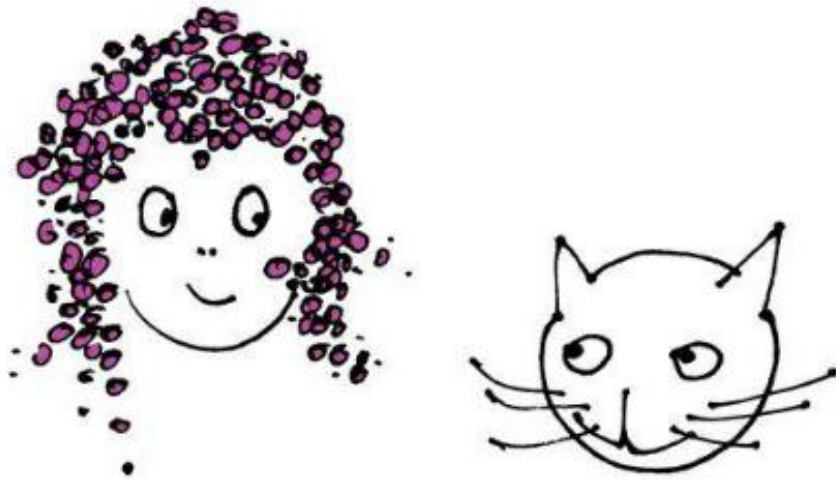




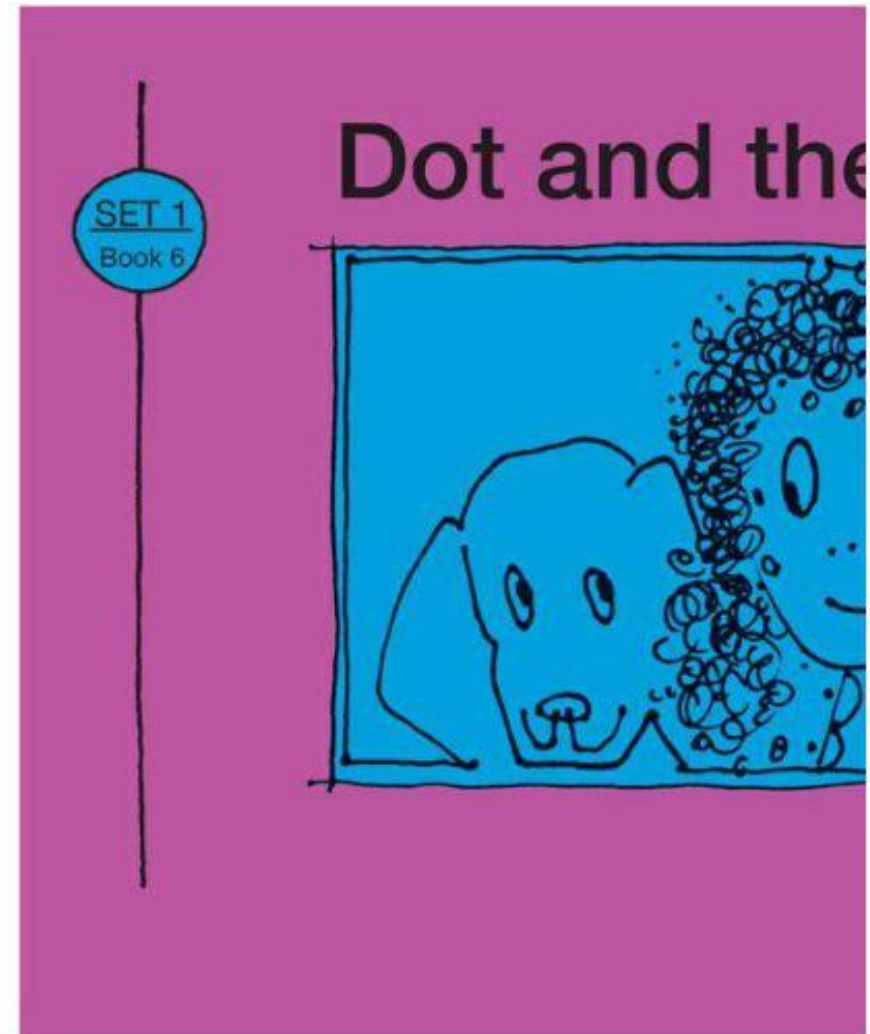
"Sit, Dot."



Dot did not nap.



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## Dot and the Dog



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Dot had a bag.



The bag had a tag.

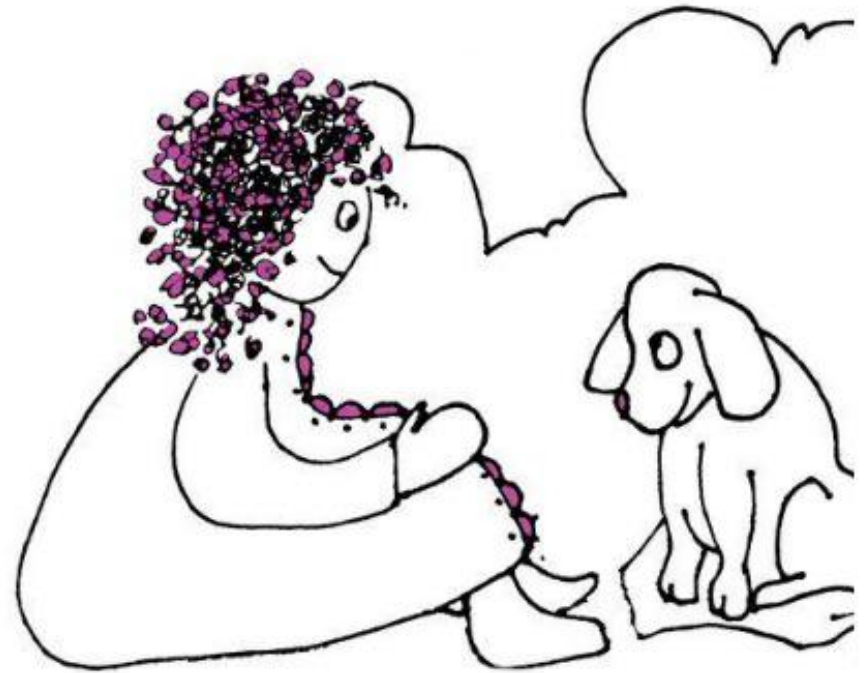


Is the bag hot?  
The bag is hot.

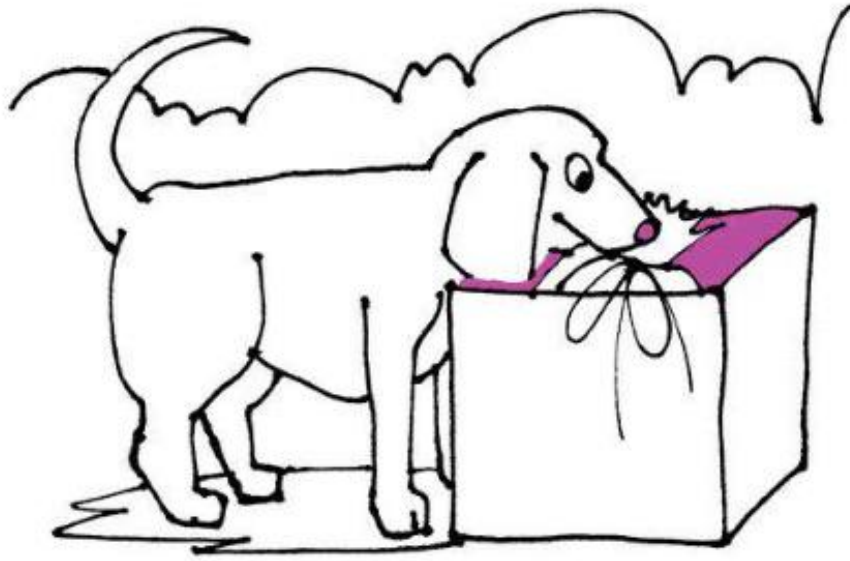




Dot had a dog. The dog is Mag.  
Mag got the bag. Dot got Mag.



Dot sat. Did Mag sit?  
Mag sat on the bag.



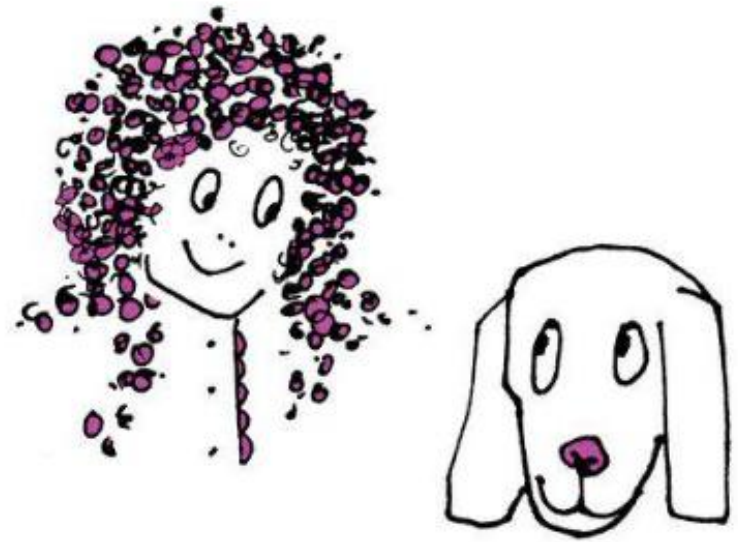
Mag hid the bag.



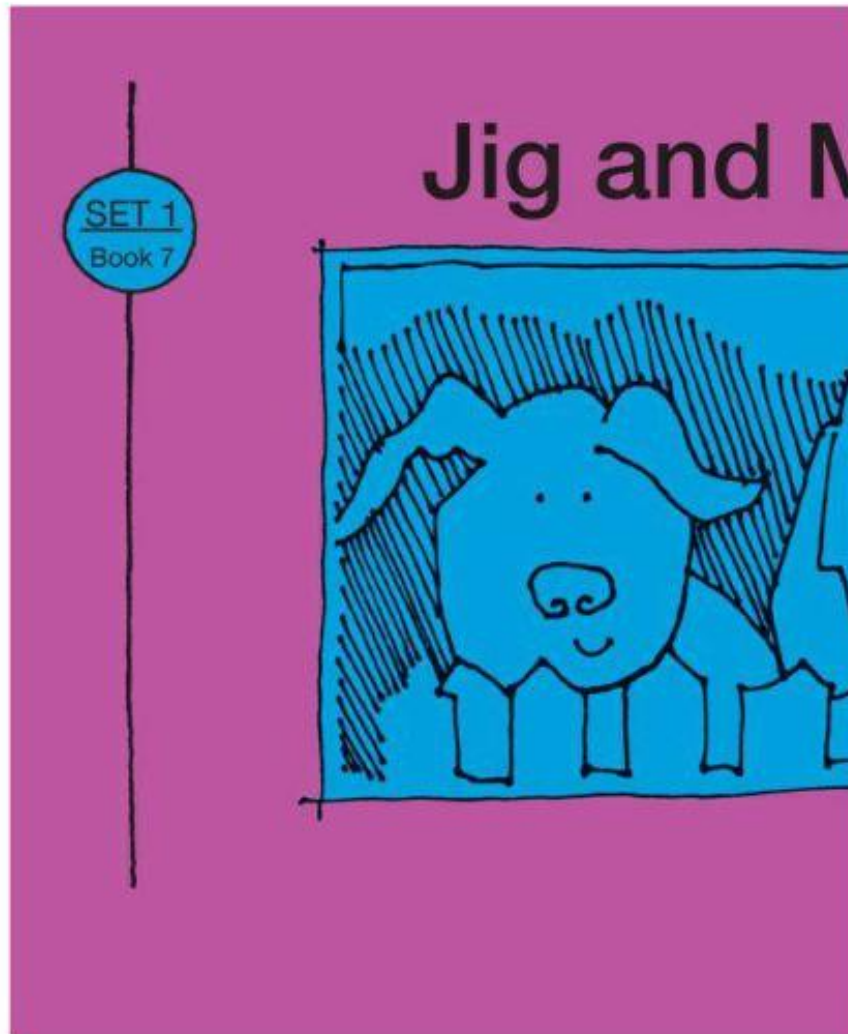
Dot got Mag and the bag.



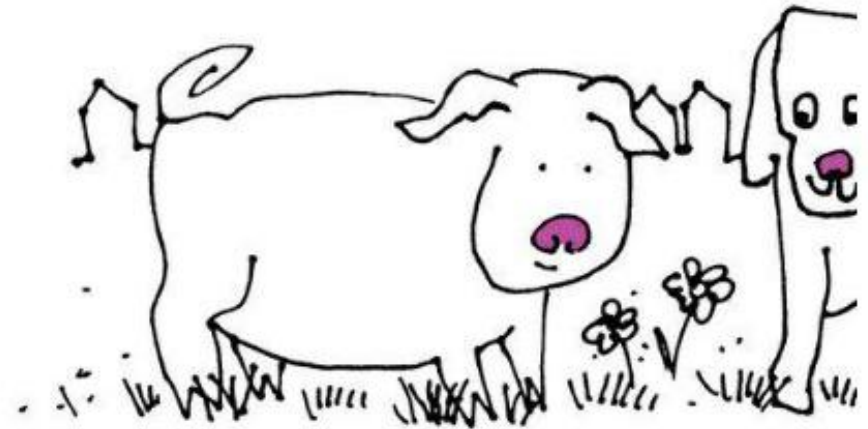
The bag had a hot dog.



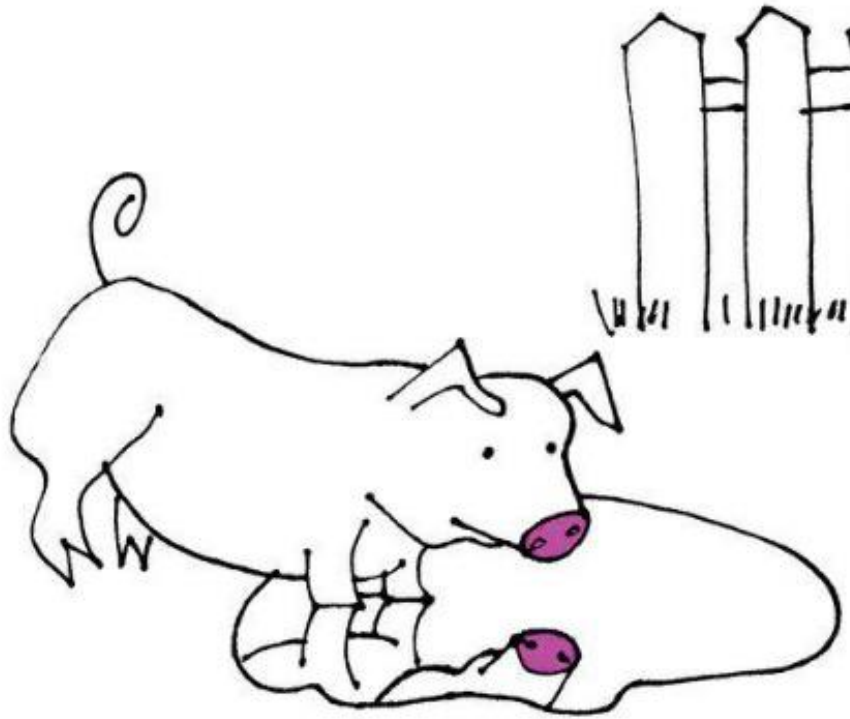
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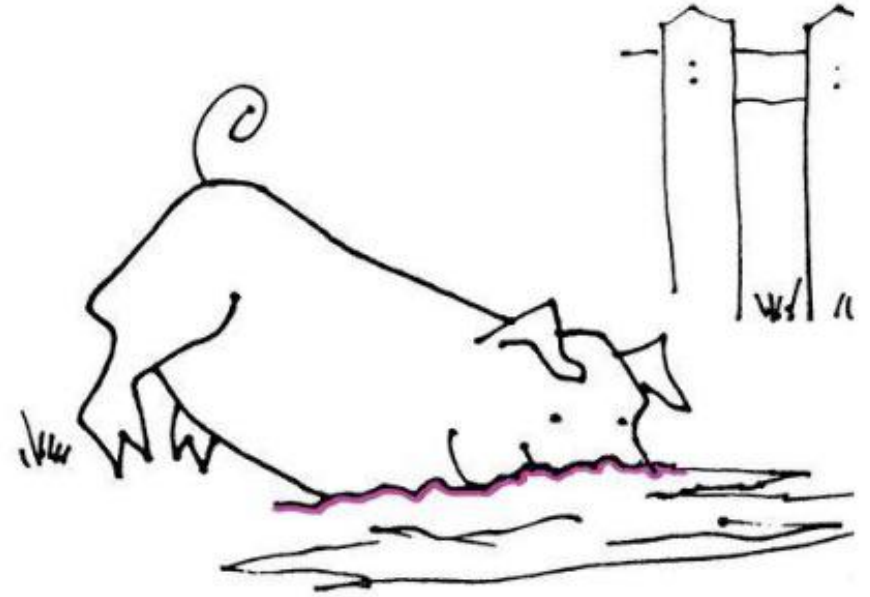
## Jig and Mag



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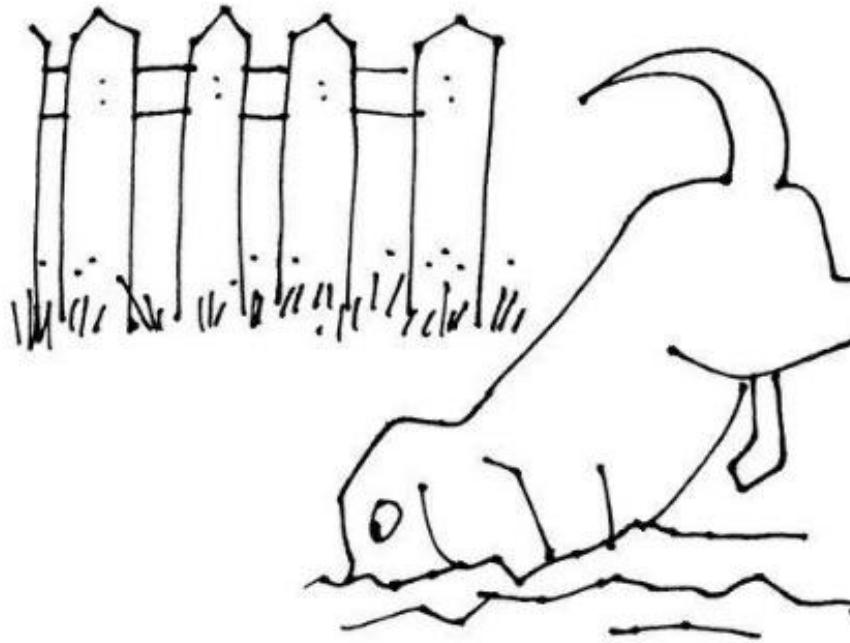


Jig is a big pig.

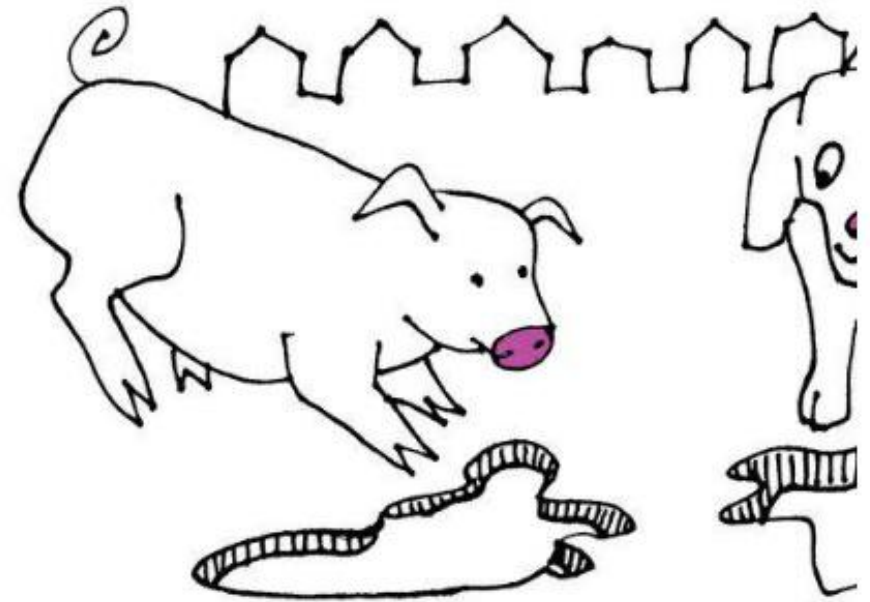


Jig can dig and dig.

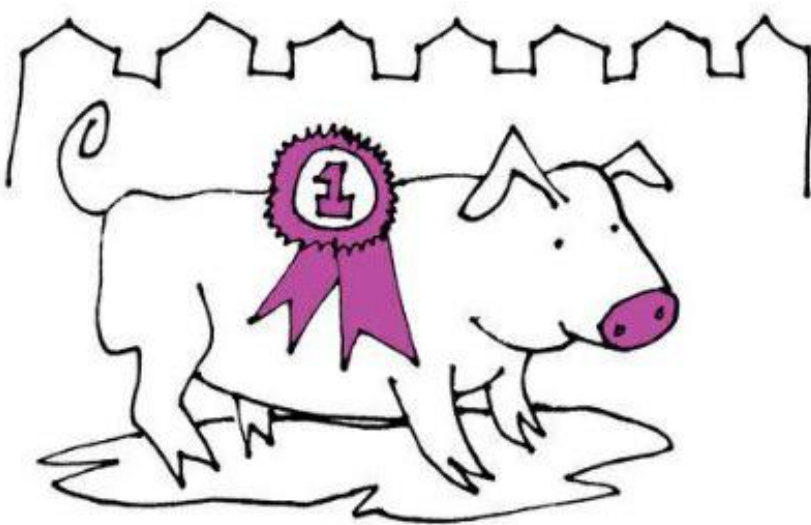




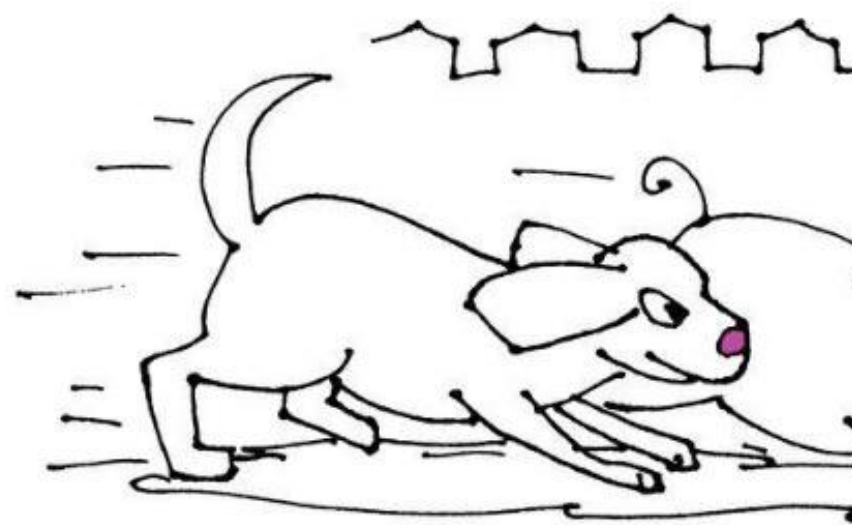
Mag can dig and dig.



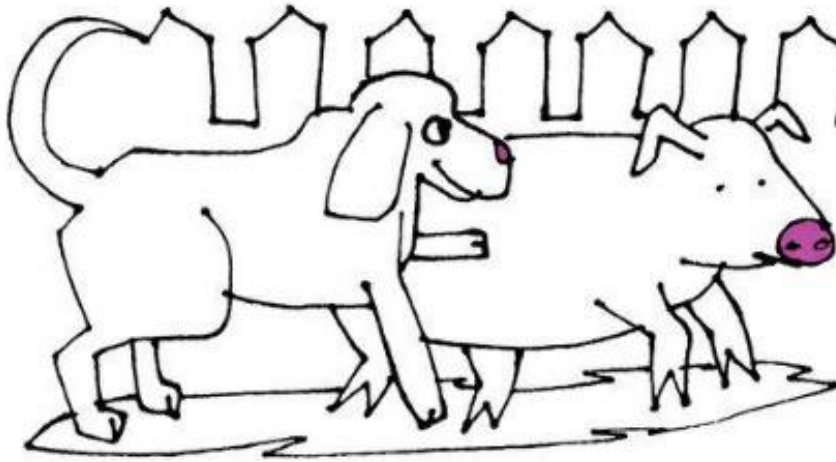
Did Jig win? Did Mag win?



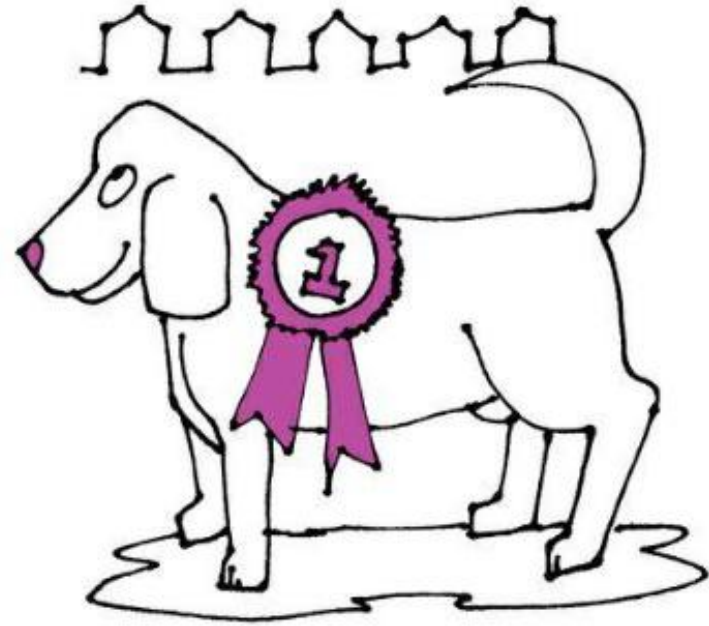
Jig did win.



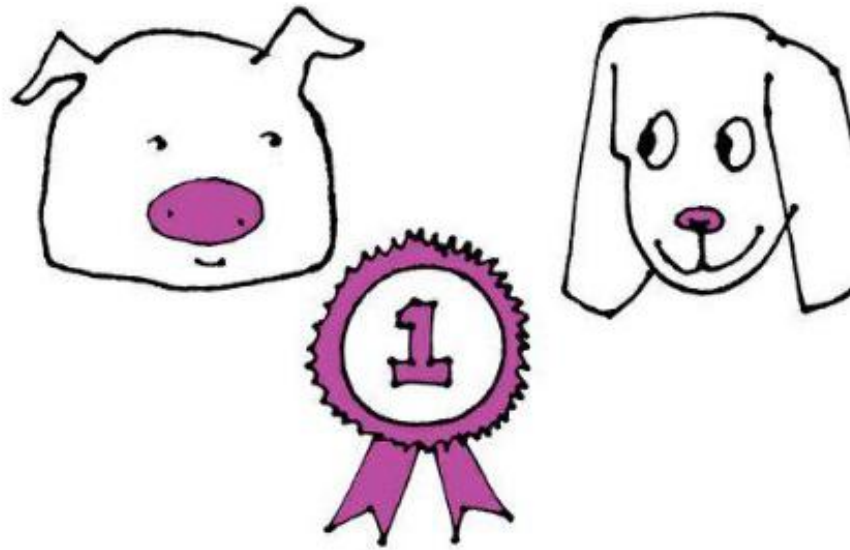
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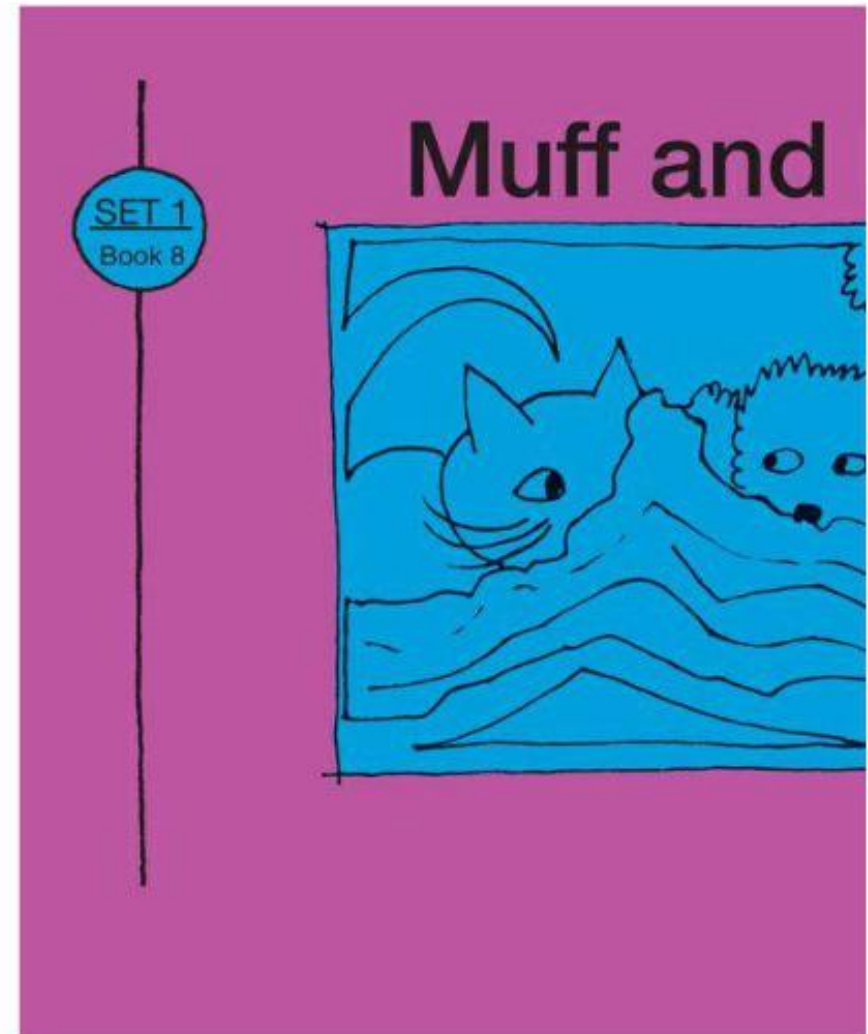
Mag can tag Jig.



Mag did win.

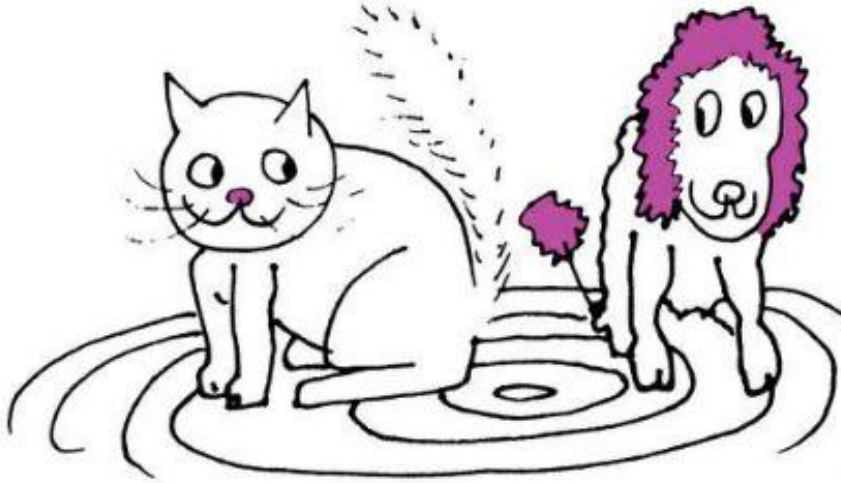


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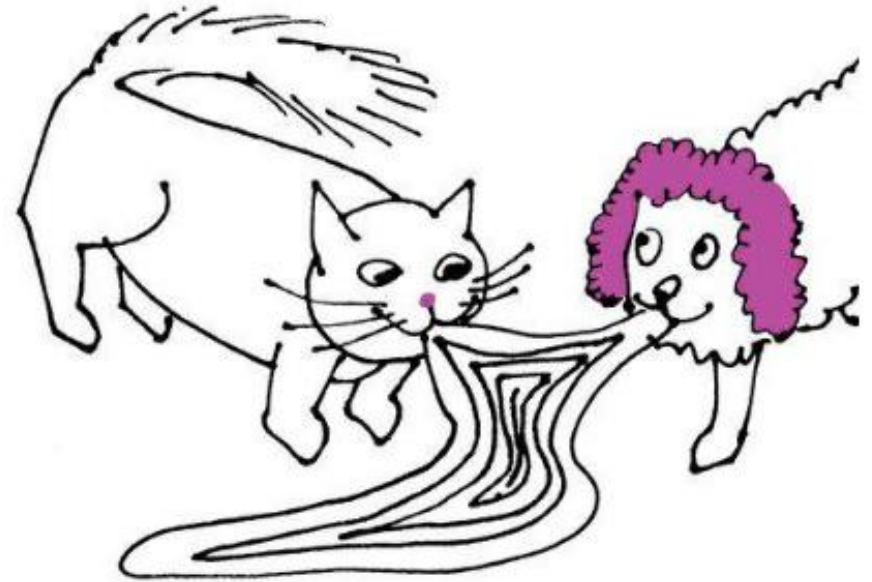




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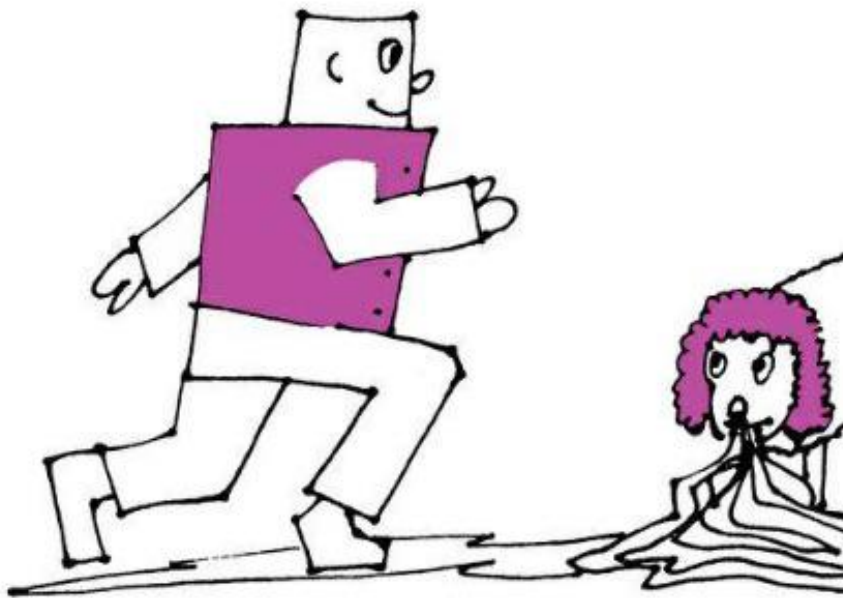


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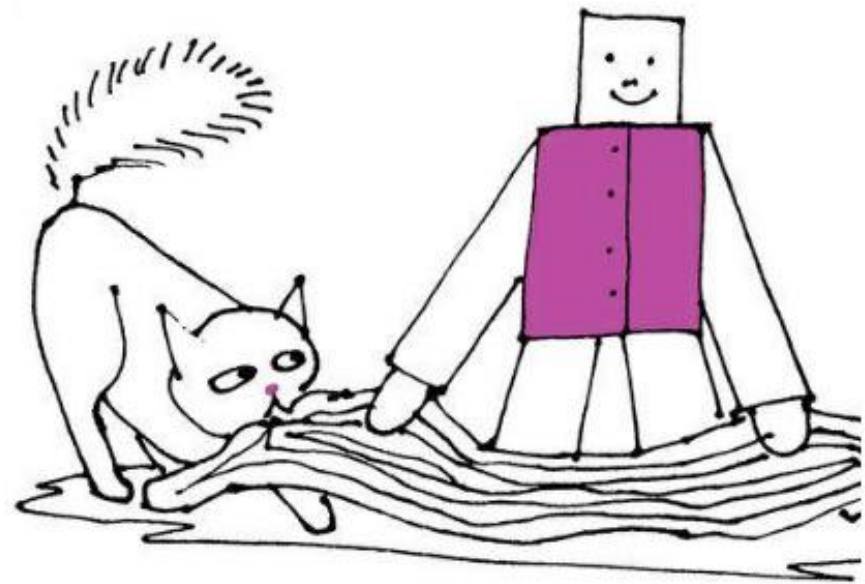


Muff and Ruff tug a rag rug.

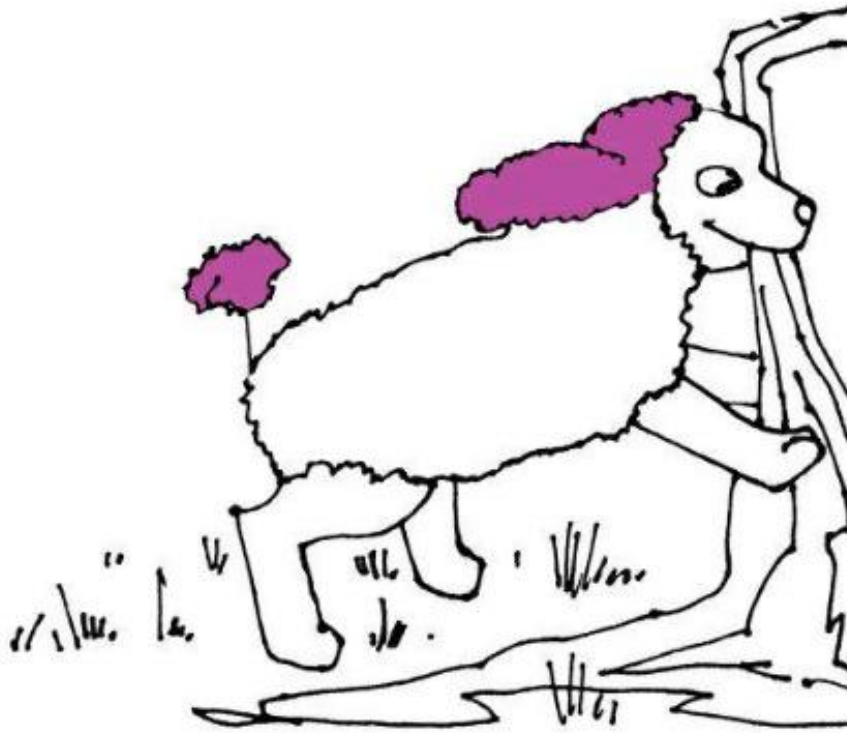




Mac ran to Ruff.



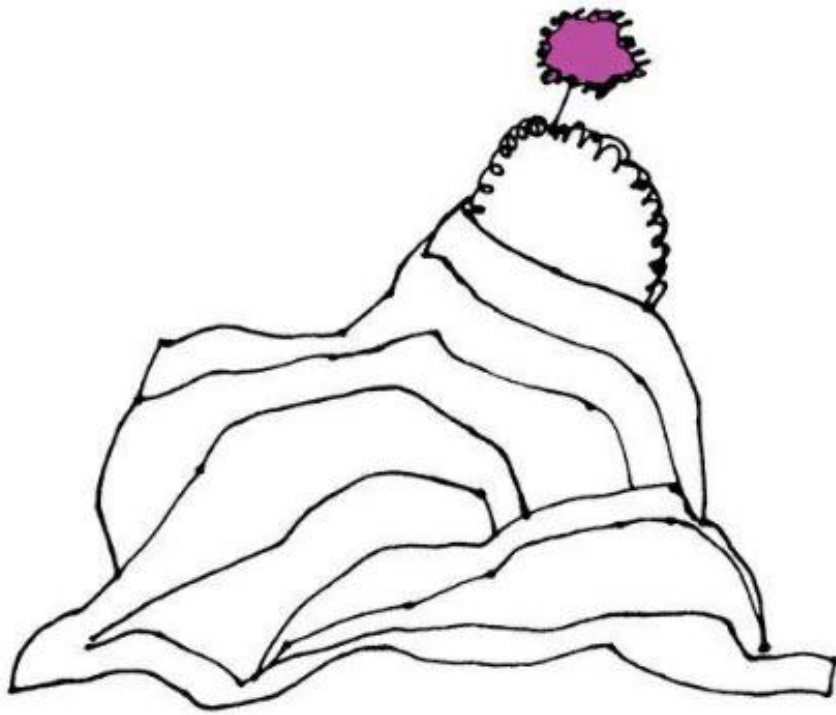
Mac, Muff, and Ruff tug.



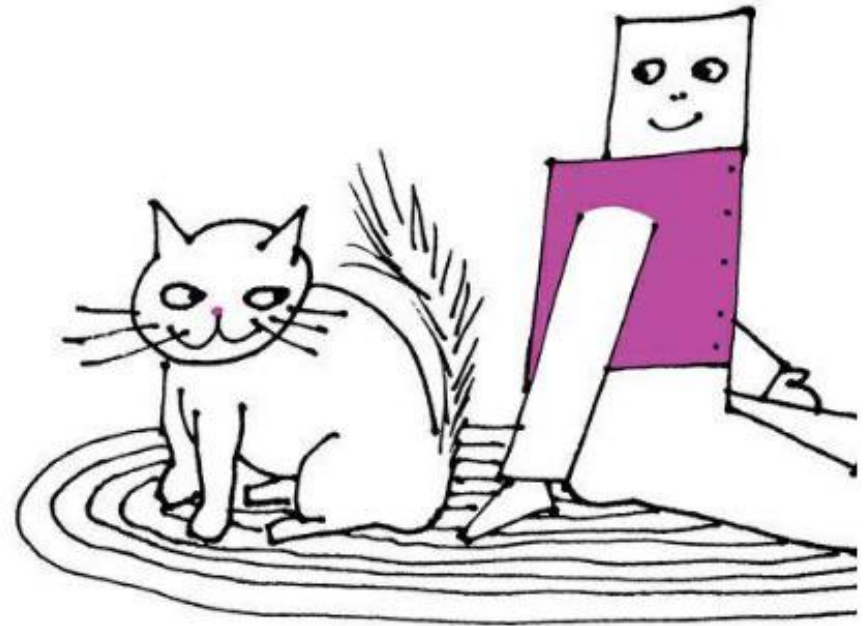
Rip it up, Ruff.



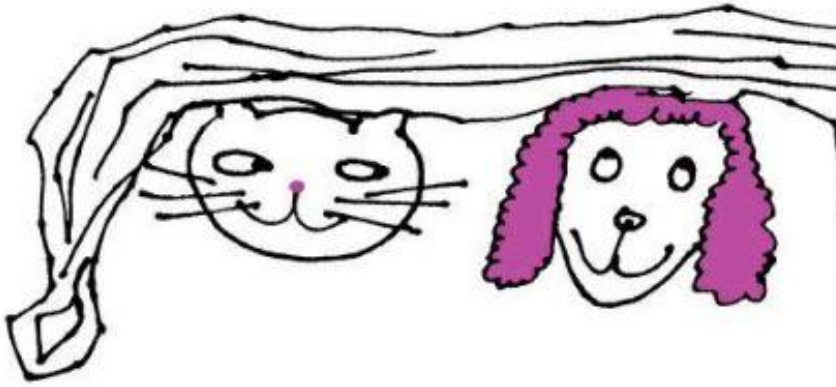
Nip at it, Muff.



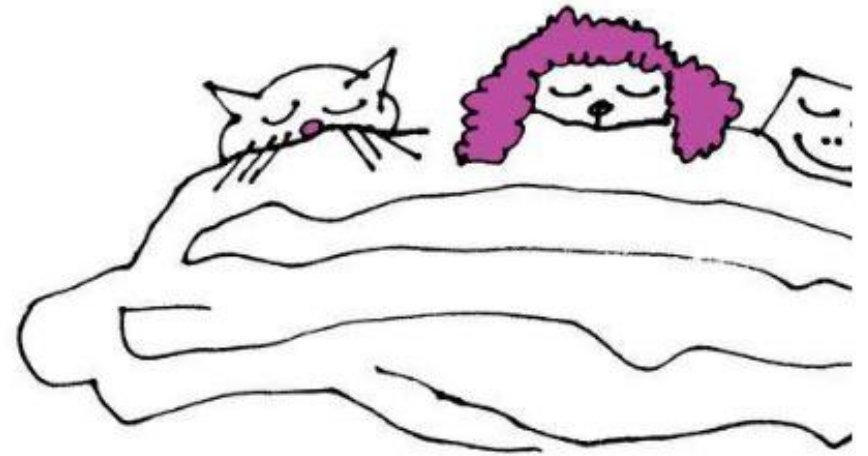
Ruff hid in it.



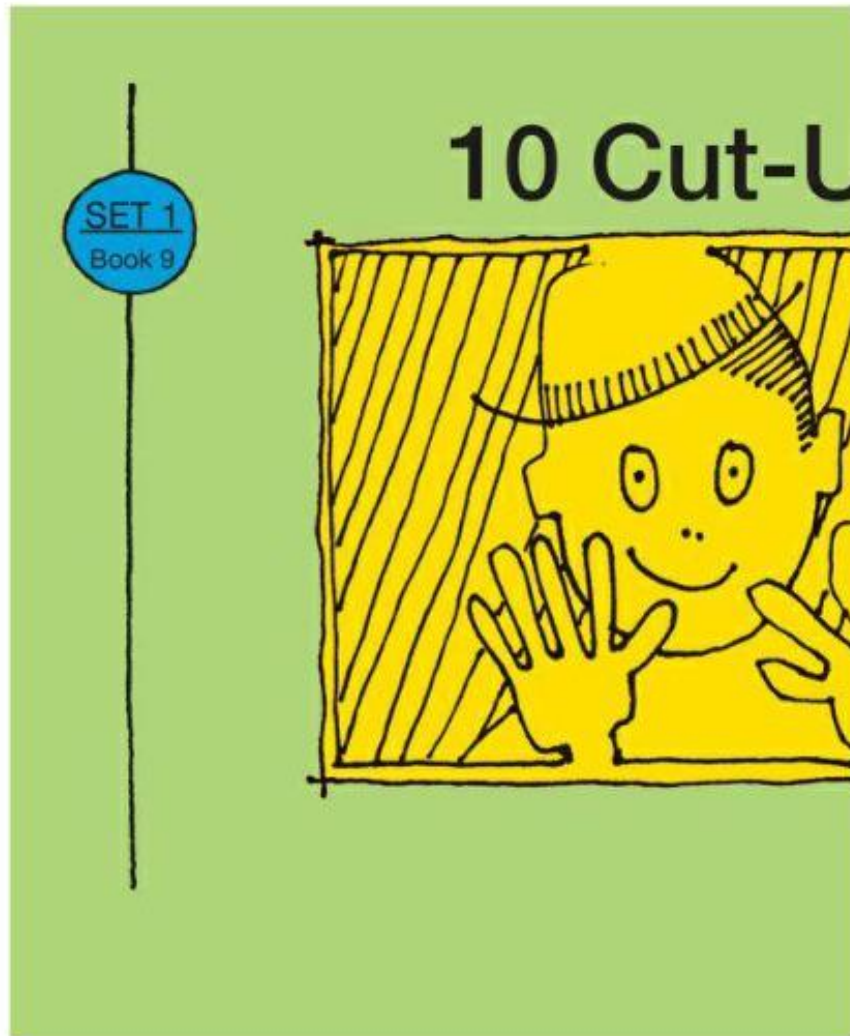
Muff and Mac sat on it.



A rag rug is fun for  
Muff, Ruff, and Mac.



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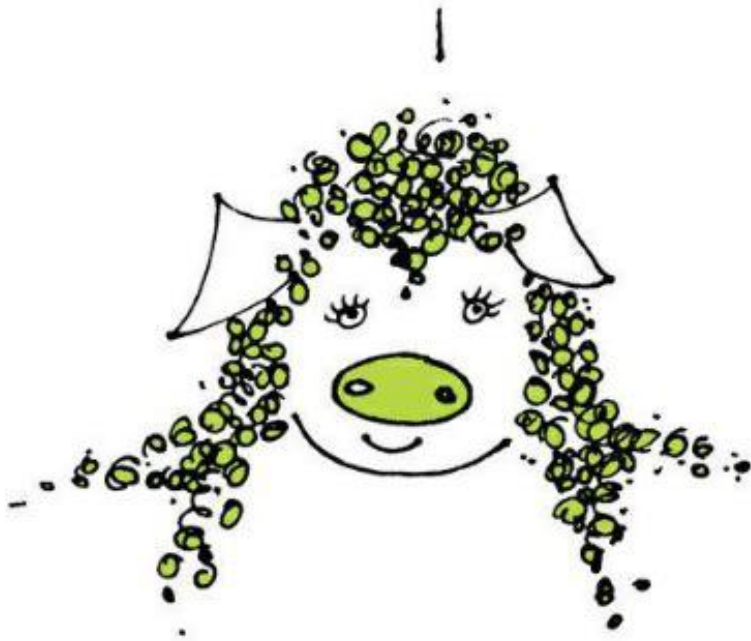


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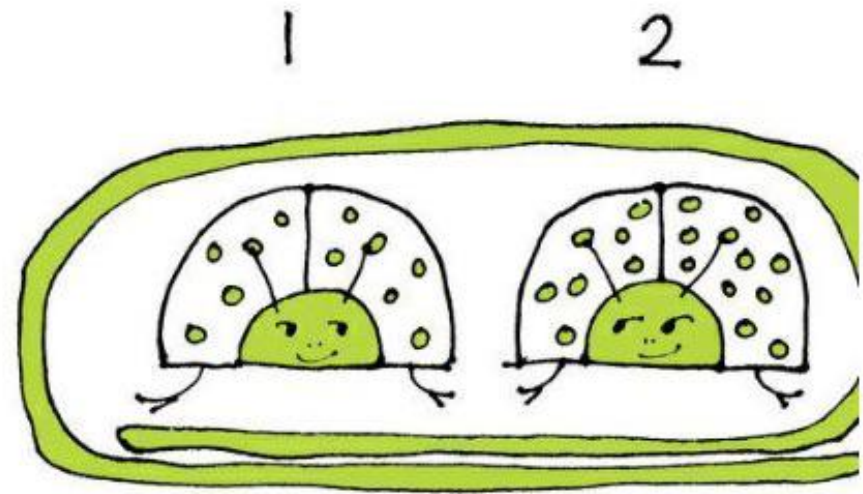


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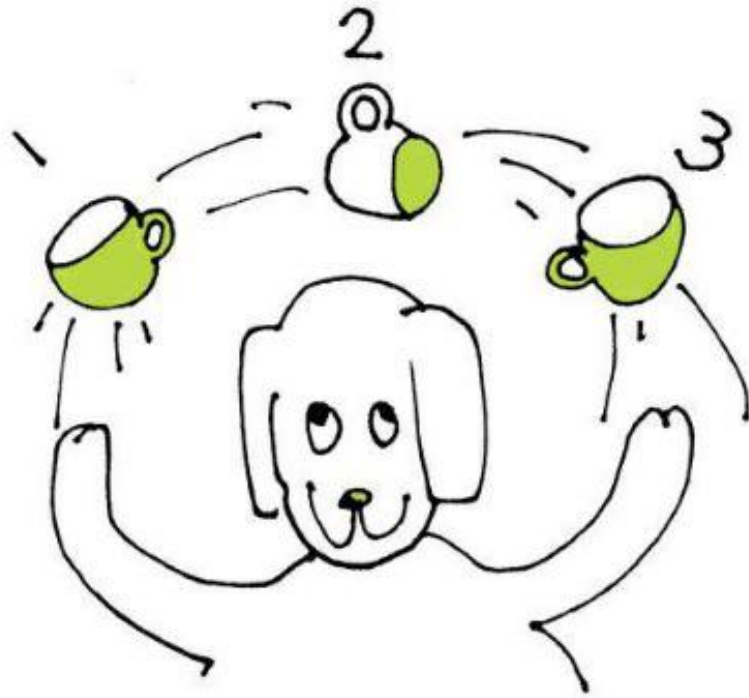




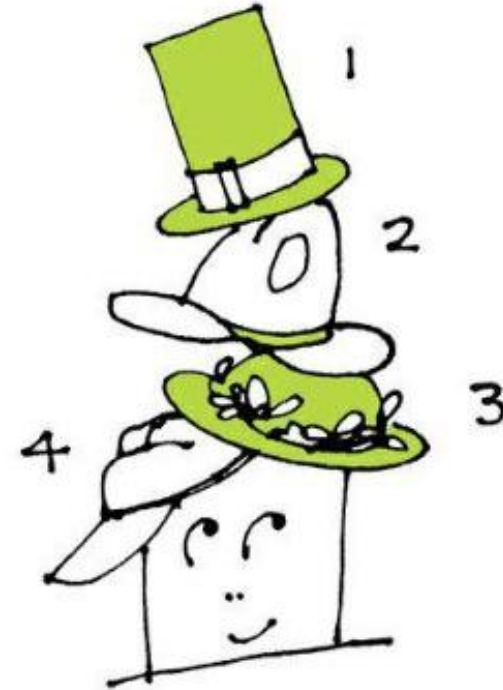
Jig has 1 wig.



2 bugs in a rug.



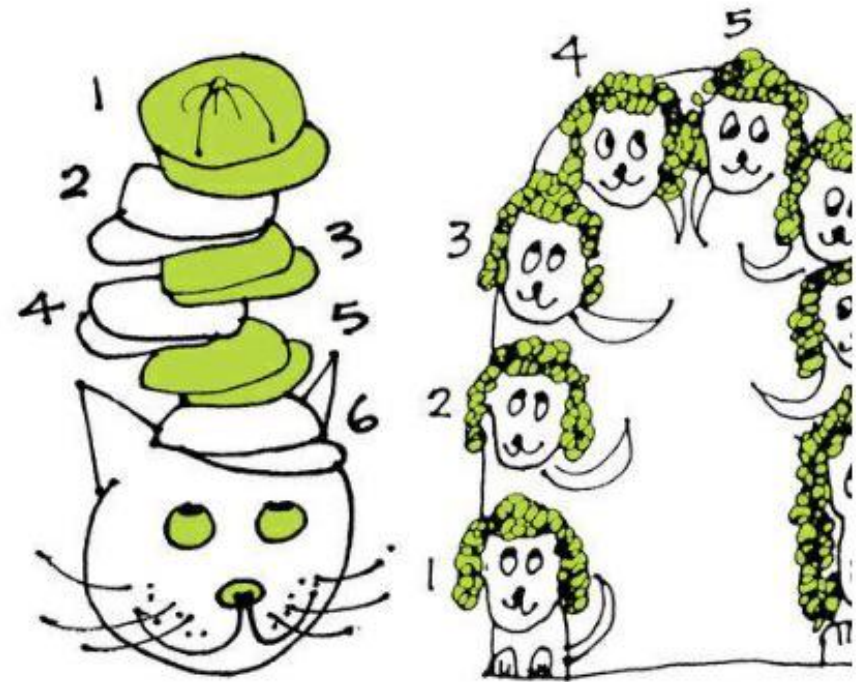
Pup has 3 cups.



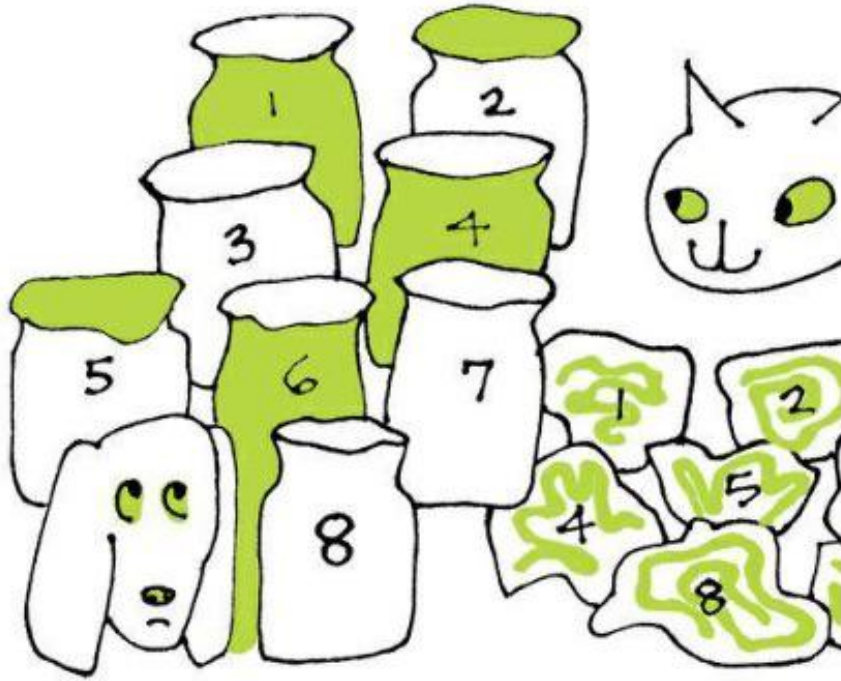
Mac has 4 hats.



Dot has 5 pots.



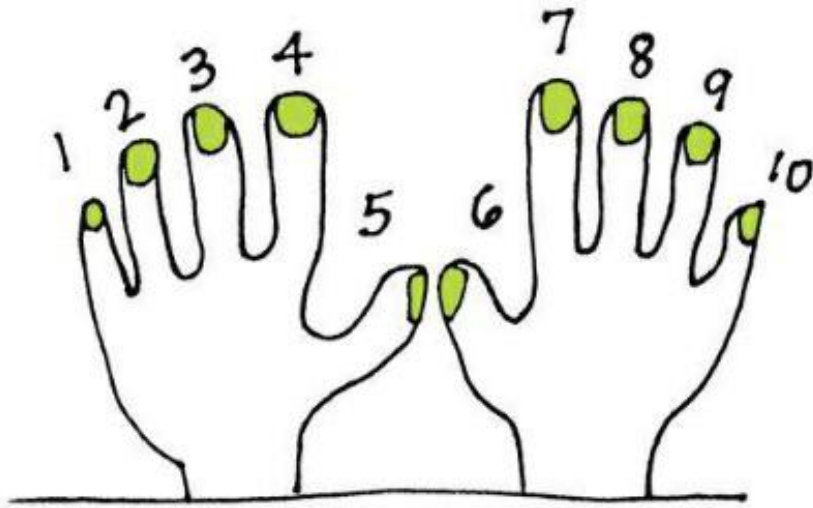
Cat has 6 caps. Ruff has 7 pups.



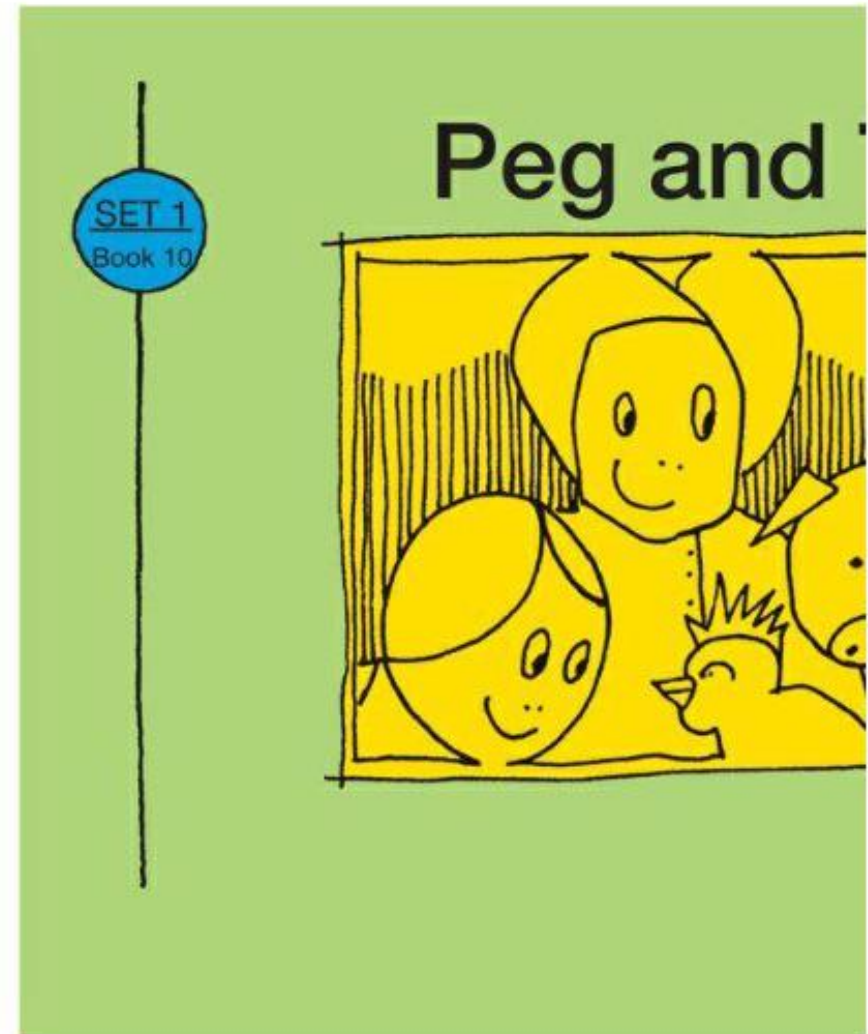
Mag has 8 bags. Muff has 9 rags.



Dot has 10 ↪.



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## Peg and Ted



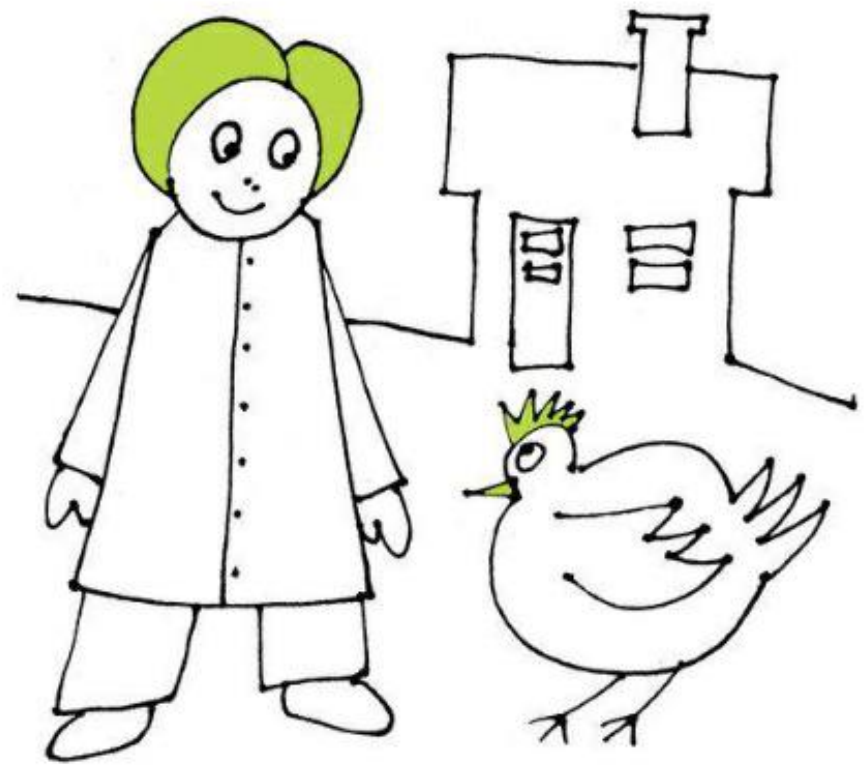
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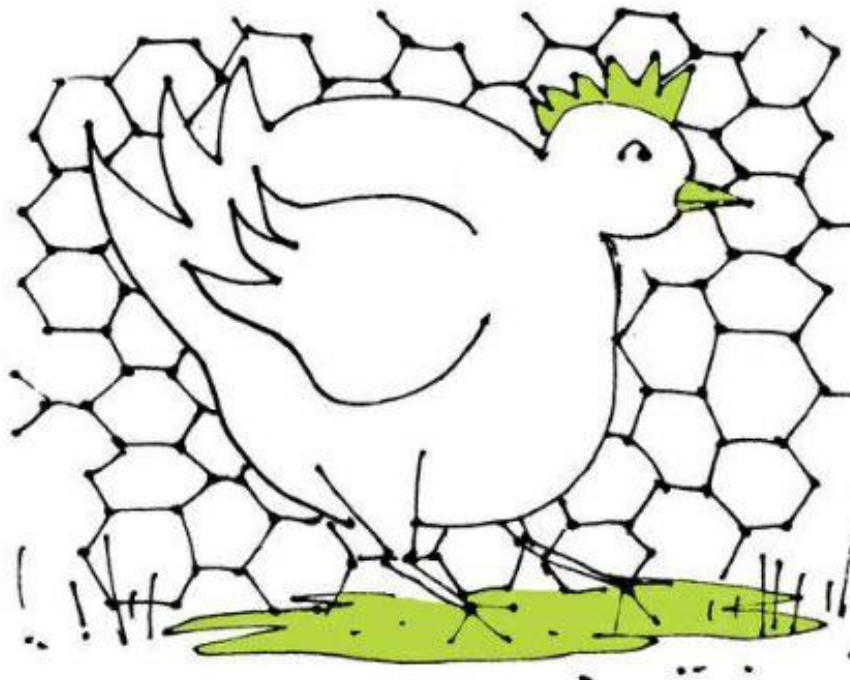
Ted and Peg met.



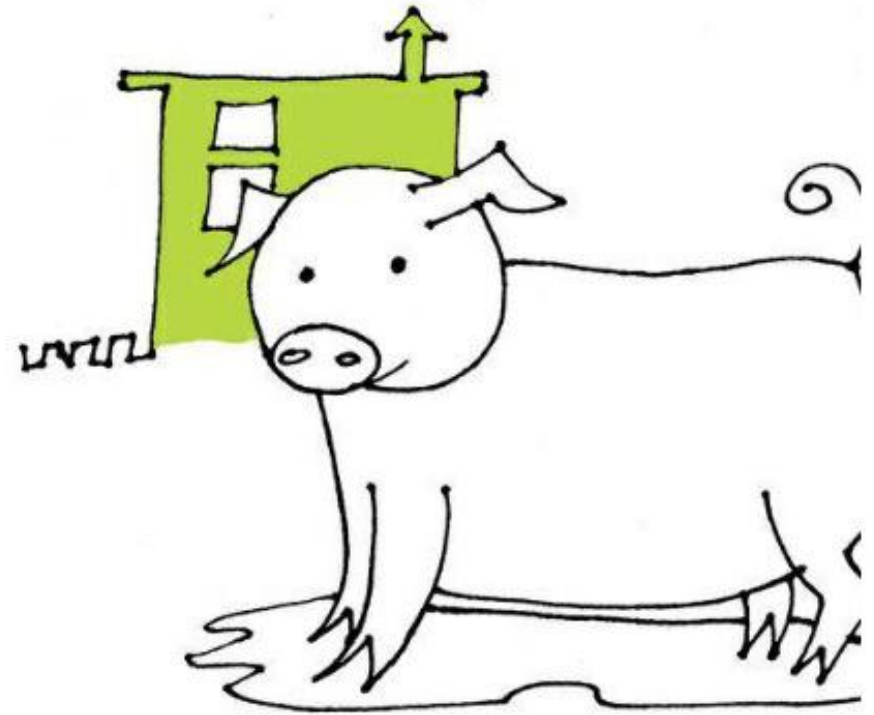
Peg had a pet pig.



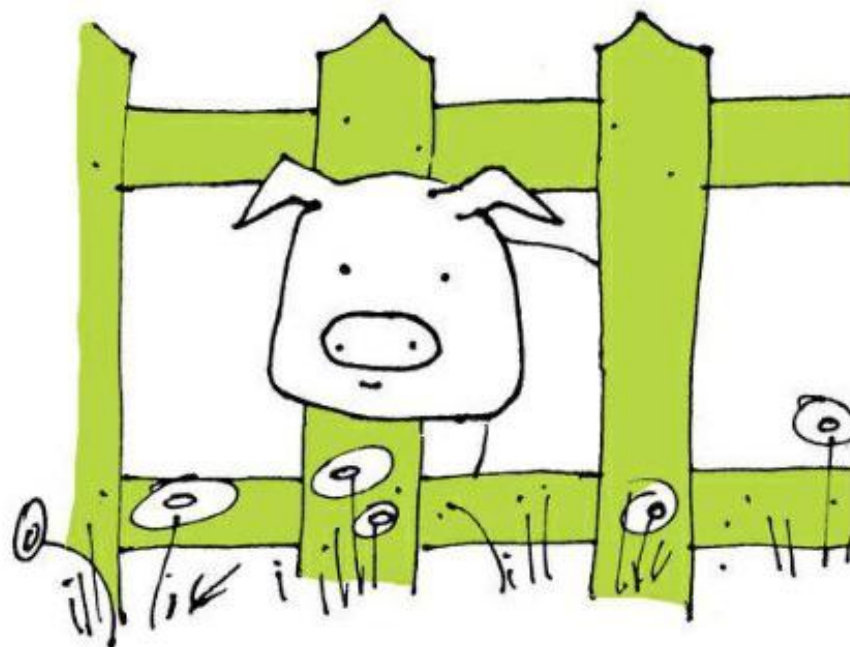
Ted had a pet hen.



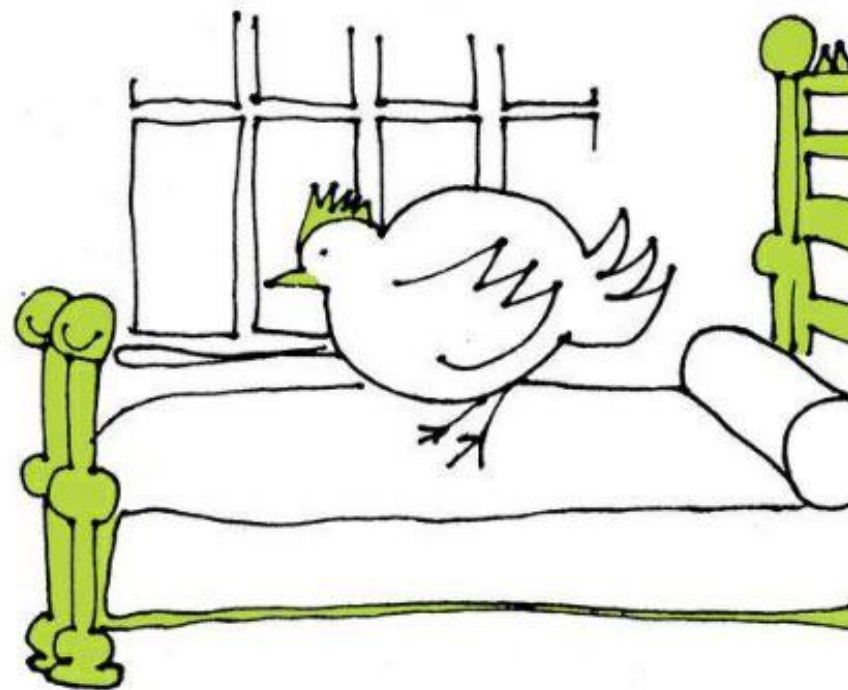
The pet hen is red.



The pet pig is pink.



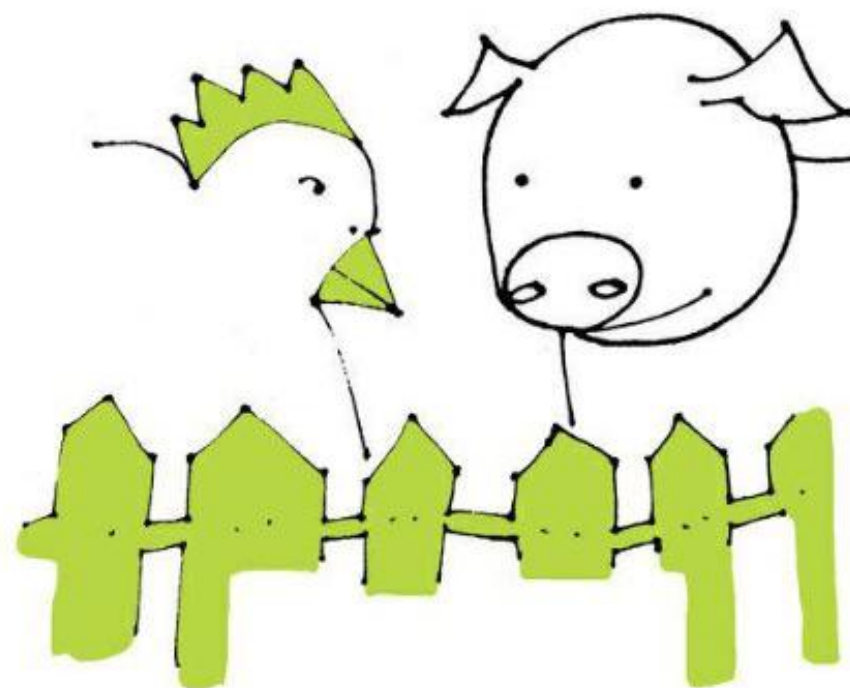
Pink pig is in a pig pen.



Red hen is on a big bed.

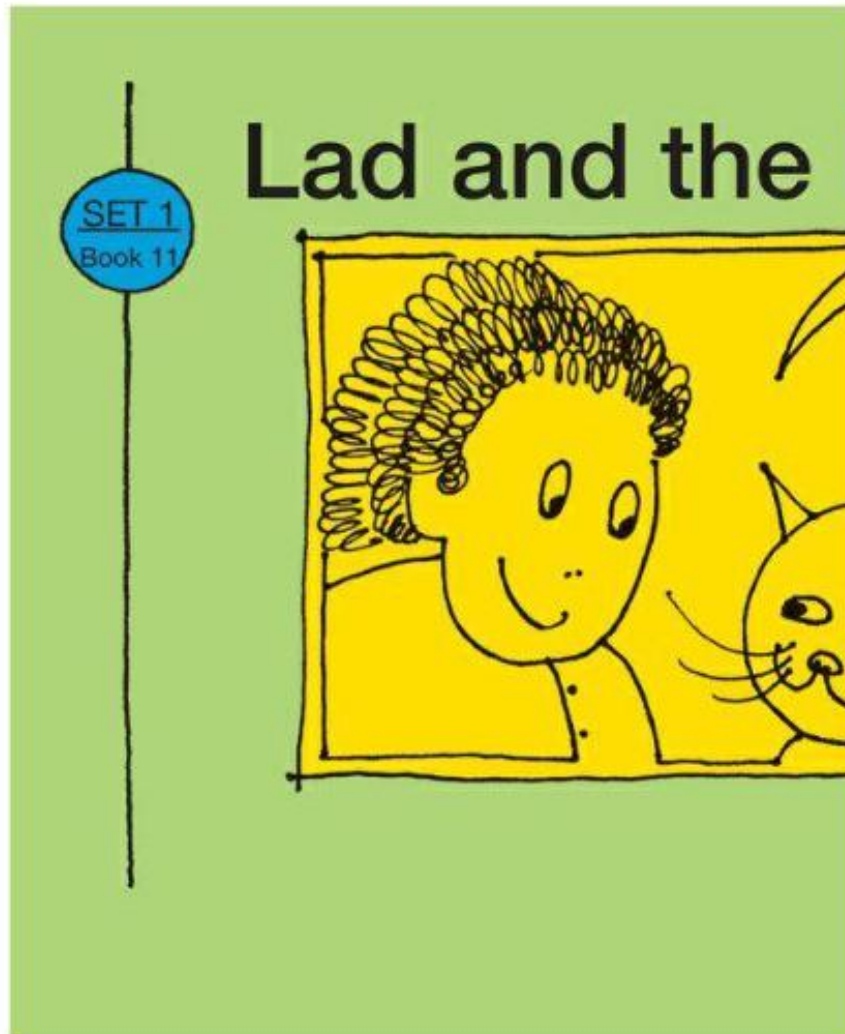


Peg and Ted went.

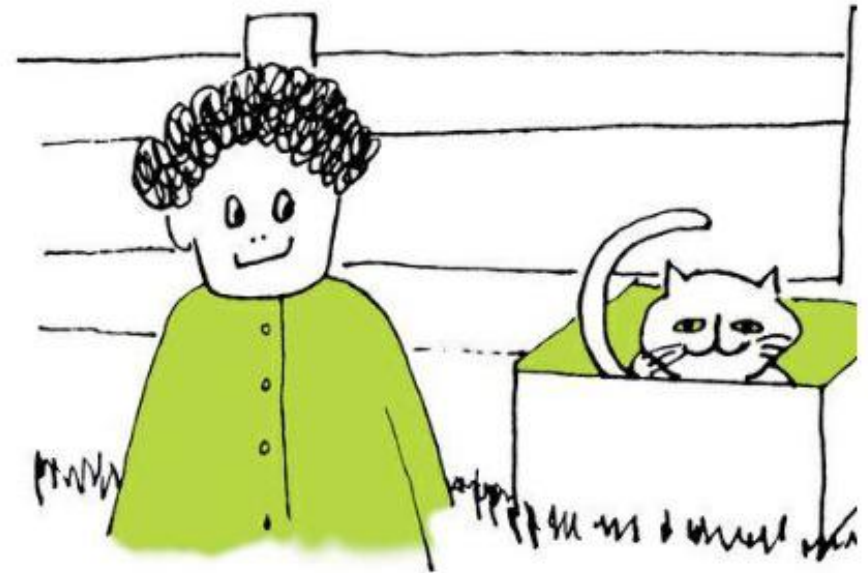


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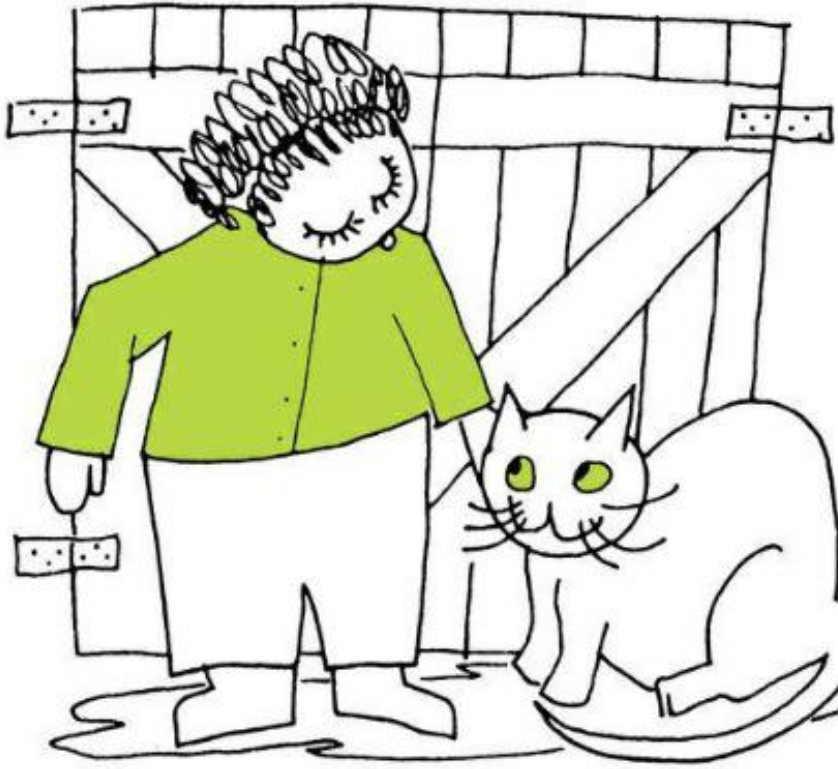




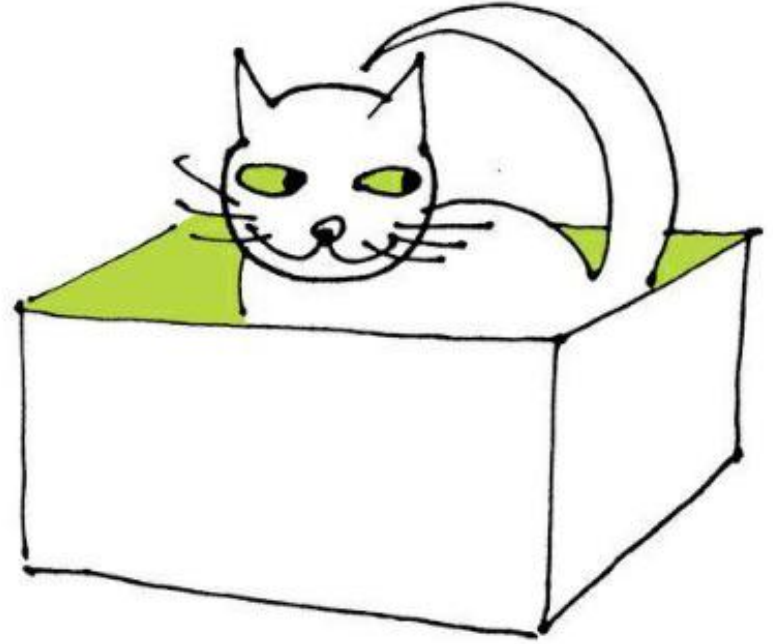
## Lad and the Fat Cat



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Lad had a fat, fat cat.



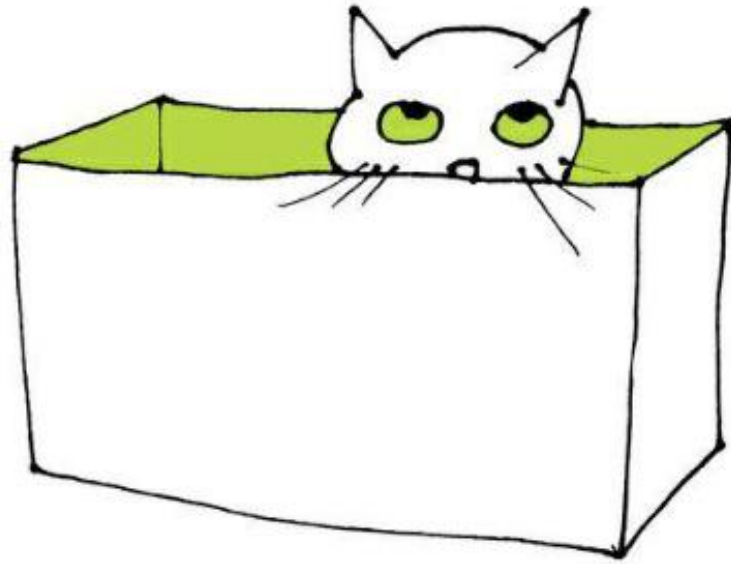
The cat is Kit.  
Kit sat in a box.



Lad sat on a keg.



Lad had a nap.



Kit sat and sat  
in the box.



Lad did nap a lot.

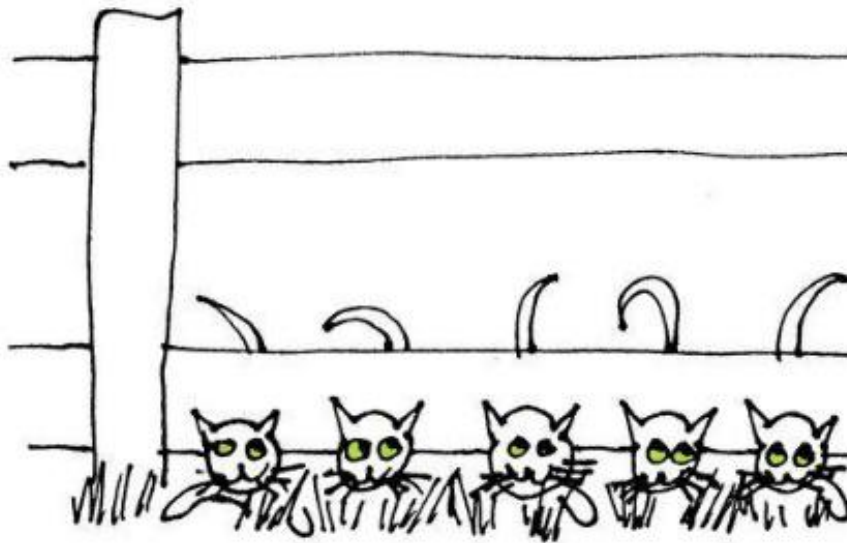


Get up, Lad. Get up, Kit.

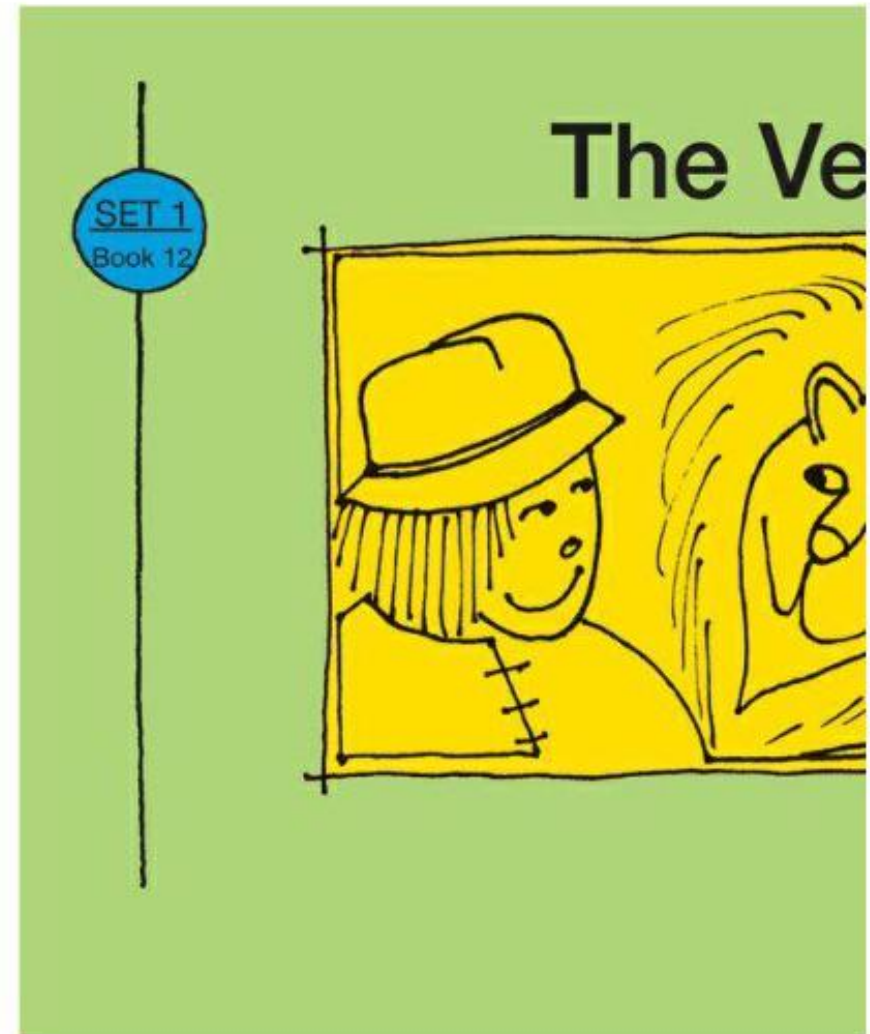


Kit has six cats !





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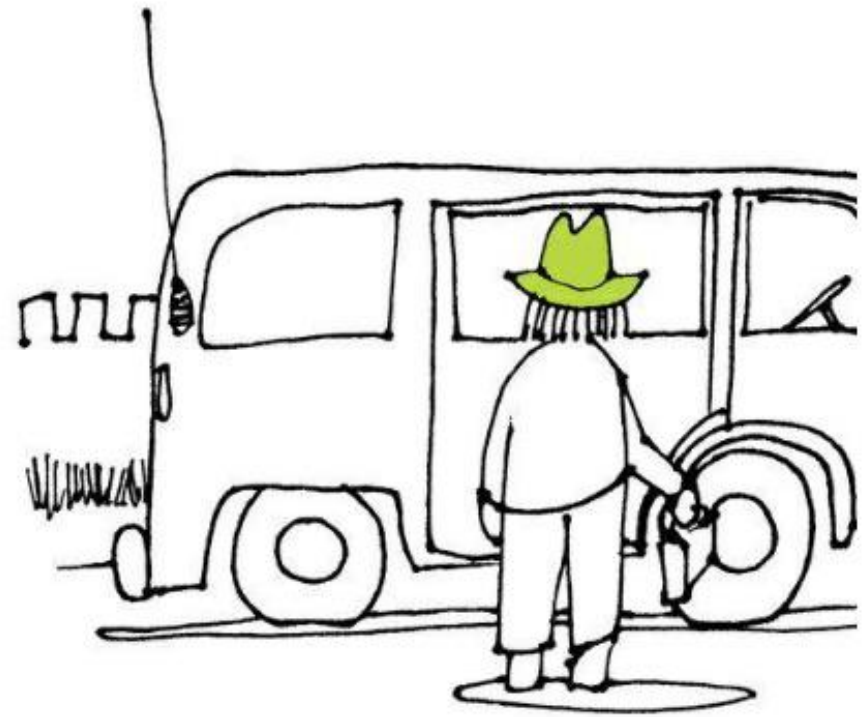




## The Vet



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The vet got into a van.



A big cat at the zoo  
had a bad leg.



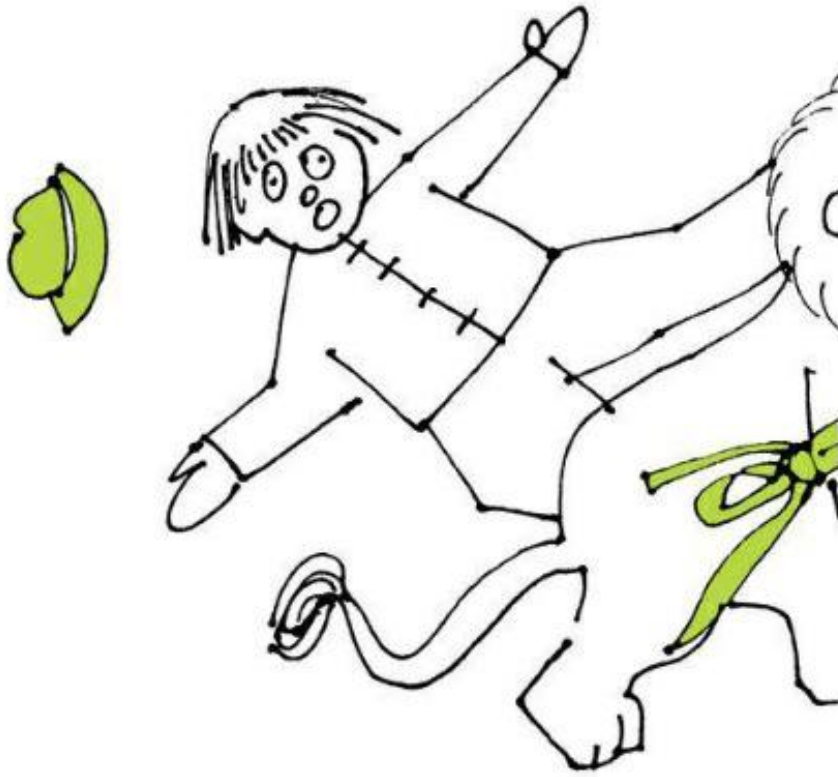
The vet had to fix the cat.



The cat ran. The vet ran.  
Yes, yes, the cat can run.



The cat ran zig zag.  
The vet ran zip zap.

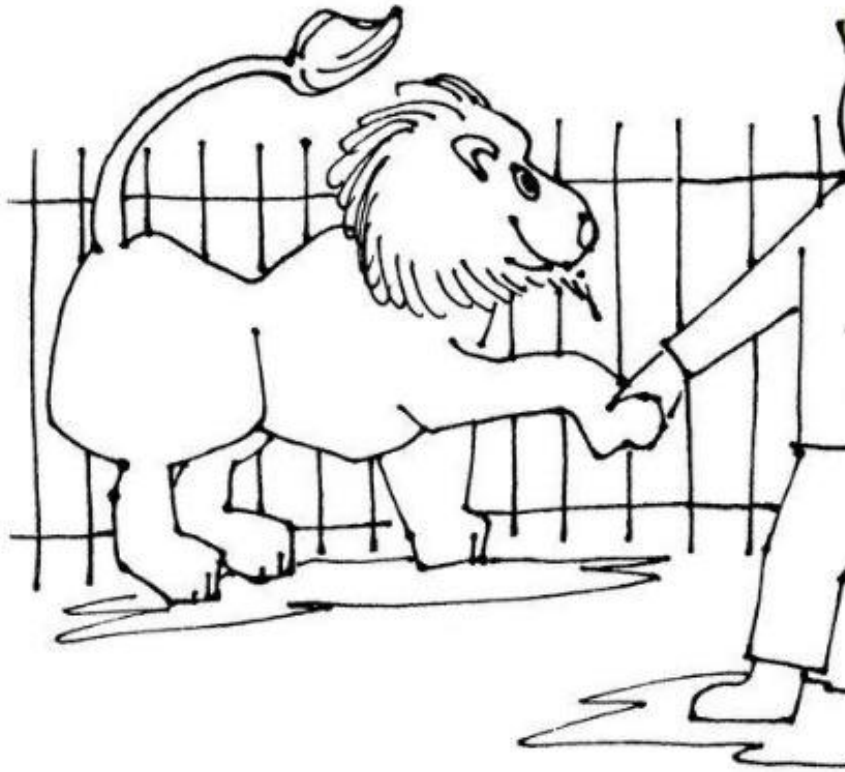


ZAM !

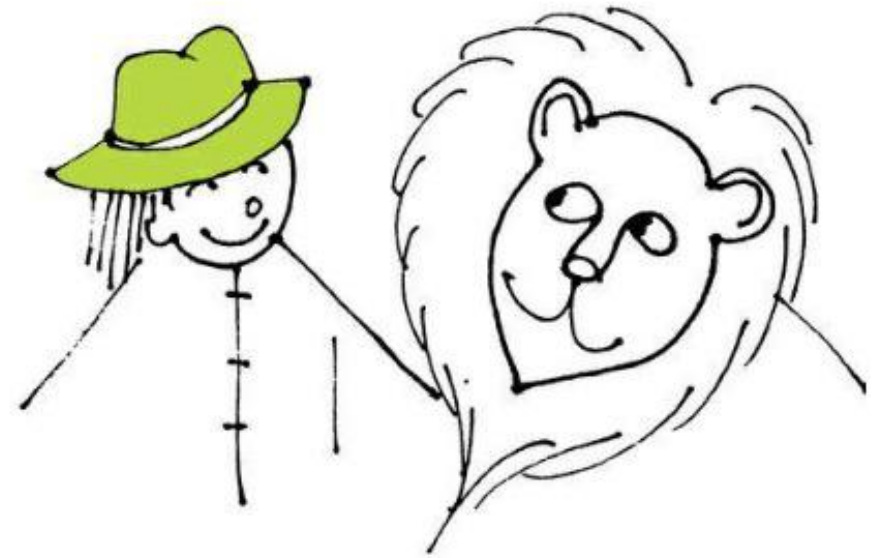


The cat and the vet sat.





O.K. Cat ! O.K. Vet !



The End

